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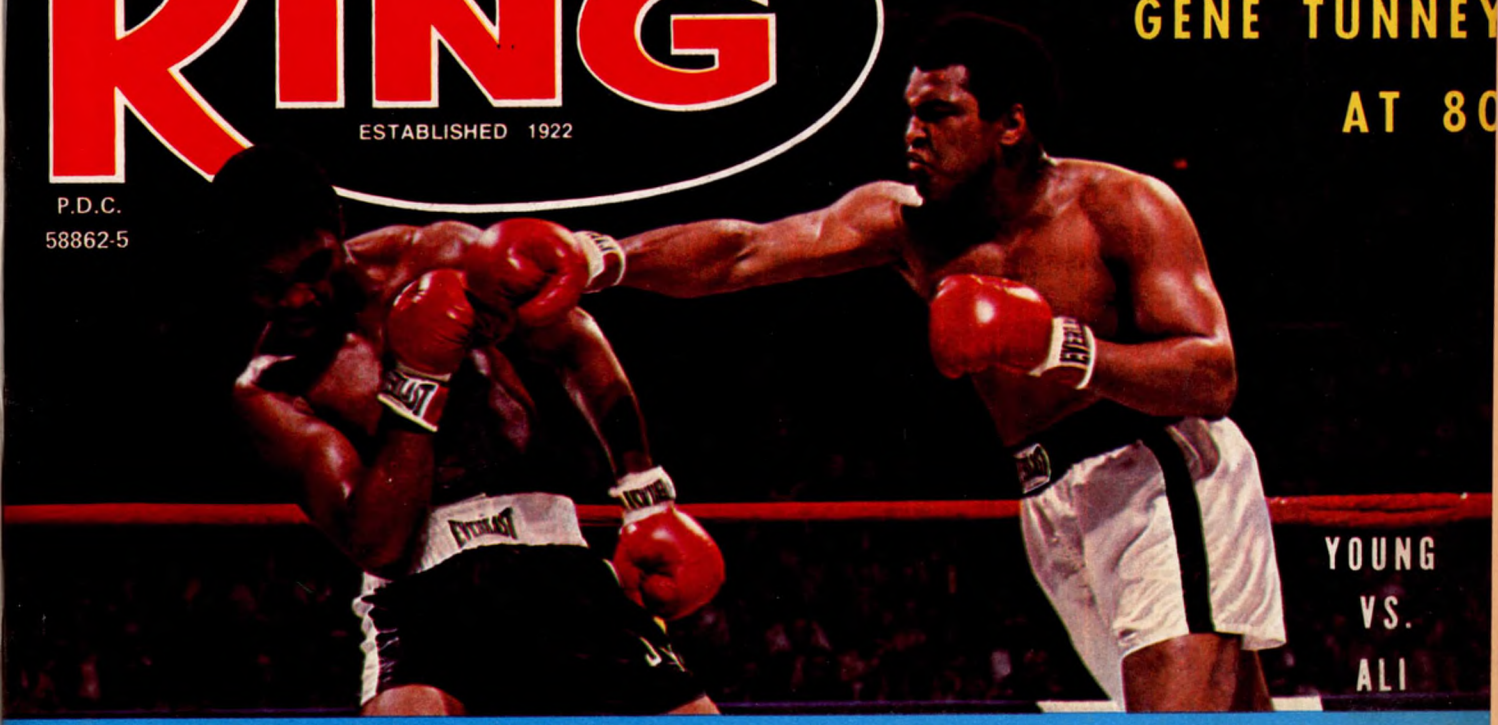

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# EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of

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AN official with a large computer firm came to me with a proposition that included processing all the records that we receive and then rating fighters based on the computer's "brain" evaluation of the results. He stated that the ratings would be infallible.

I thought the offer over, considering the pros and cons, as well as the possibilities.

First, the computer would be able to work only on the material fed into it. It is true that The Ring collects more material and records on boxers than any other organization in the world, and we are currently doing everything in our power to authenticate all records, but unlike other sports where records are kept of all the participants under conditions which can guarantee each record, boxing operates under conditions which render it very difficult to insure complete authenticity.

If The Ring, in business for over half a century, with its correspondents all over the world and its extensive contacts with those in boxing finds it so difficult to obtain complete and accurate records it would seem that no one could use a computer program based on guaranteed accurate information.

It is obvious that with this flaw alone the computer would have an unliveable limitation. But there are many more reasons why the use of a computer system is not veasable.

The Ring has had a great deal of experience with the use of computers and boxing. To go back a-while, Ring readers will recall the radio computerized dream fights among the all time great heavyweight champions of the world. Harry Woroner owned the show and The Ring had the job of getting the facts together to be fed into the computer, which would in turn spew out a blow-by-blow description of fights between heavyweight immortals.

Rocky Marciano emerged as the winner of the tournament, and then a sequel was arranged with Muhammad Ali which gave him a win over Rocky. The Marciano and Ali contest, incidentally, did not use The Ring statistics as a base.

A sharp scanning of these computer "dream fights" indicates that they were indeed excellent entertainment, but that the end results would be open to much debate. The reason that Marciano came out on top in the initial series was clear in that Marciano retired undefeated, had not been knocked out and rated as an equal to any other heavyweight in the punching department. He also got a very high score for always being in perfect condition.

On the surface, and the computer agreed with this evaluation, Marciano was the winner. But, this conclusion was based on pure statistics with very little in the way of subjective evaluations. Were the results correct? I do not think so. A computer cannot make up for the many variations that must be taken into consideration in any evaluation of an athlete at a given time.

In rating fighters one must not only judge a man's record of fights won and lost, but must also consider the caliber of men fought. To some degree, a knowledge of fighters' styles and abilities must be analyzed before a man can gain entrance to the magic rating circle.

Once in the ratings a man must be judged on a monthly basis on the opponents fought, wins and loses and the caliber of opponents he has met during the last month. For example, are the opponents rated, and if so, above or below the rated fighter under scrutiny. Perhaps the fighter has met unrated fighters, and there again one must decide how a rated fighter's opponents compare in ability with other men in the ratings who have fought unrated men.

Although The Ring bases its ratings on results, there are some intangibles which cannot be handled by other than the human mind. I can see no way in which fighters can be rated by a computer. Ratings must depend upon accurate information and then an enormous amount of expertise and experience to properly and fairly weigh the factors. The day of rating a fighter purely by means of a computer has not arrived as yet.

In closing I should like to once again make a plea for a National Boxing Commission so that all results of all contests in the U.S. can be guaranteed.

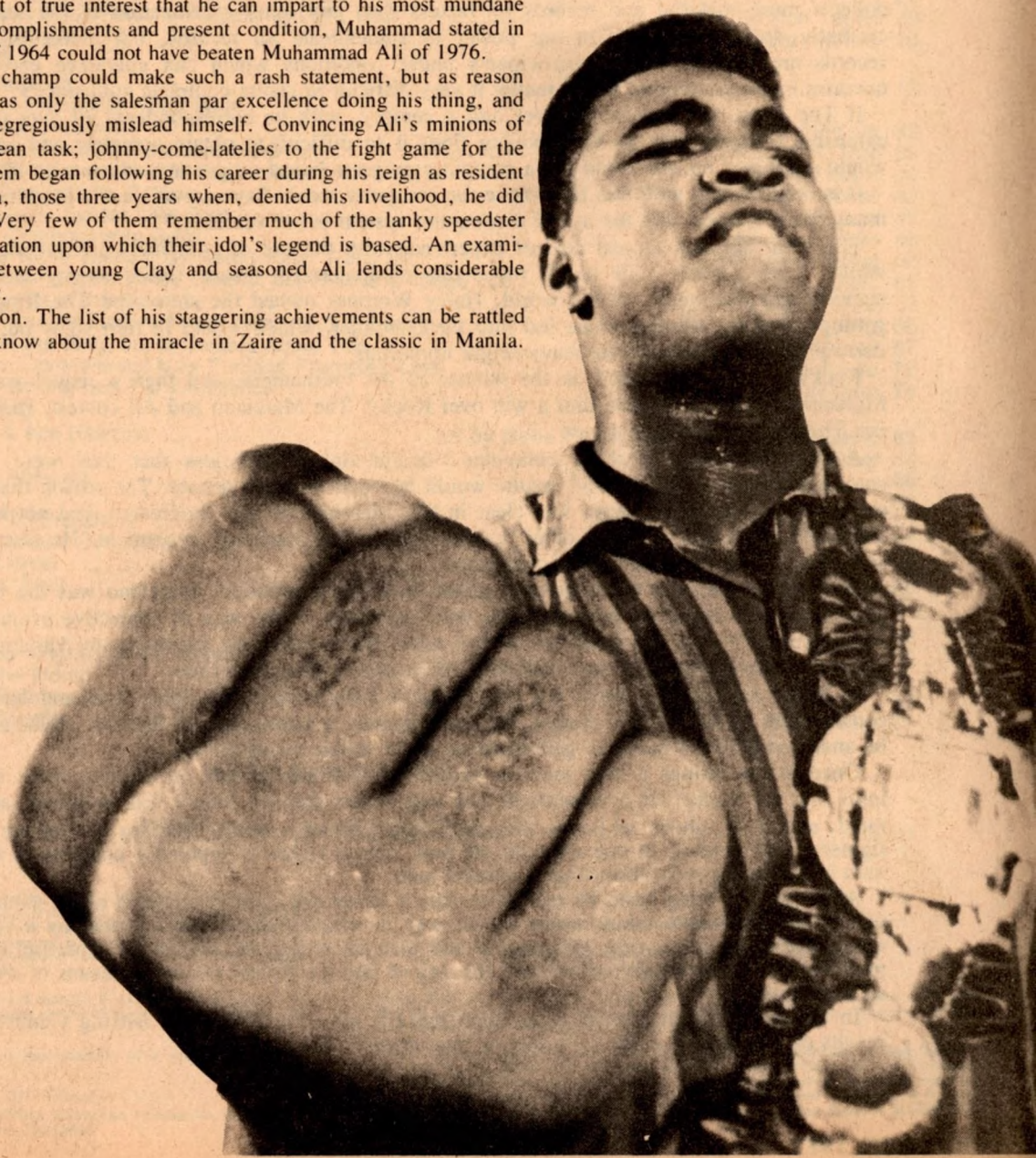
# THE HEAVYWEIGHT WHO COULD BEAT ALI

By JOHNNY REYES

EVER the buffoon, Ali delivered with customary aplomb his Saturday afternoon quota of laughs and controversy following his shenanigans with wrestler Gorilla Monsoon, creating during the process that one moment of true interest that he can impart to his most mundane activity. In measuring his latest accomplishments and present condition, Muhammad stated in as many words that Cassius Clay of 1964 could not have beaten Muhammad Ali of 1976.

Initially I was incensed that the champ could make such a rash statement, but as reason slowly returned I realized that it was only the salesman par excellence doing his thing, and that even Muhammad couldn't go egregiously mislead himself. Convincing Ali's minions of this, however, would be a Herculean task; johnny-come-latelies to the fight game for the most part, the greater portion of them began following his career during his reign as resident cause celebre of dissident America, those three years when, denied his livelihood, he did much more talking than fighting. Very few of them remember much of the lanky speedster from Louisville who laid the foundation upon which their idol's legend is based. An examination of this succulent "bout" between young Clay and seasoned Ali lends considerable support to the case for Cassius Clay.

The champ needs little introduction. The list of his staggering achievements can be rattled off by any sixth grader. Everyone know about the miracle in Zaire and the classic in Manila.



**November 1964, world heavyweight champion Cassius Clay announced a return match with the Big Brown Bear: "Sonny will be mine in nine."**

The knowledgeable fan can also tell you that stylistically Ali is moving less, conserving his energy for those increasingly frequent times when he really *has* to dance. In compensation, he hits harder than he's ever been known to, and, of course, his defense, given his sometimes wrought iron stomach, continues to be the gem of his genius.

Perhaps Ali's only drawback is his tendency to underestimate some of his lesser-known opponents, a proclivity that has often brought him to the brink of disaster, and once pushed him all the way over. His legions will quickly exonerate their man by accurately pointing out that he has always been in magnificent shape for the big ones.

Who then, is this Cassius Clay fellow, to think that he could defeat the man history already calls the greatest heavyweight of all time?

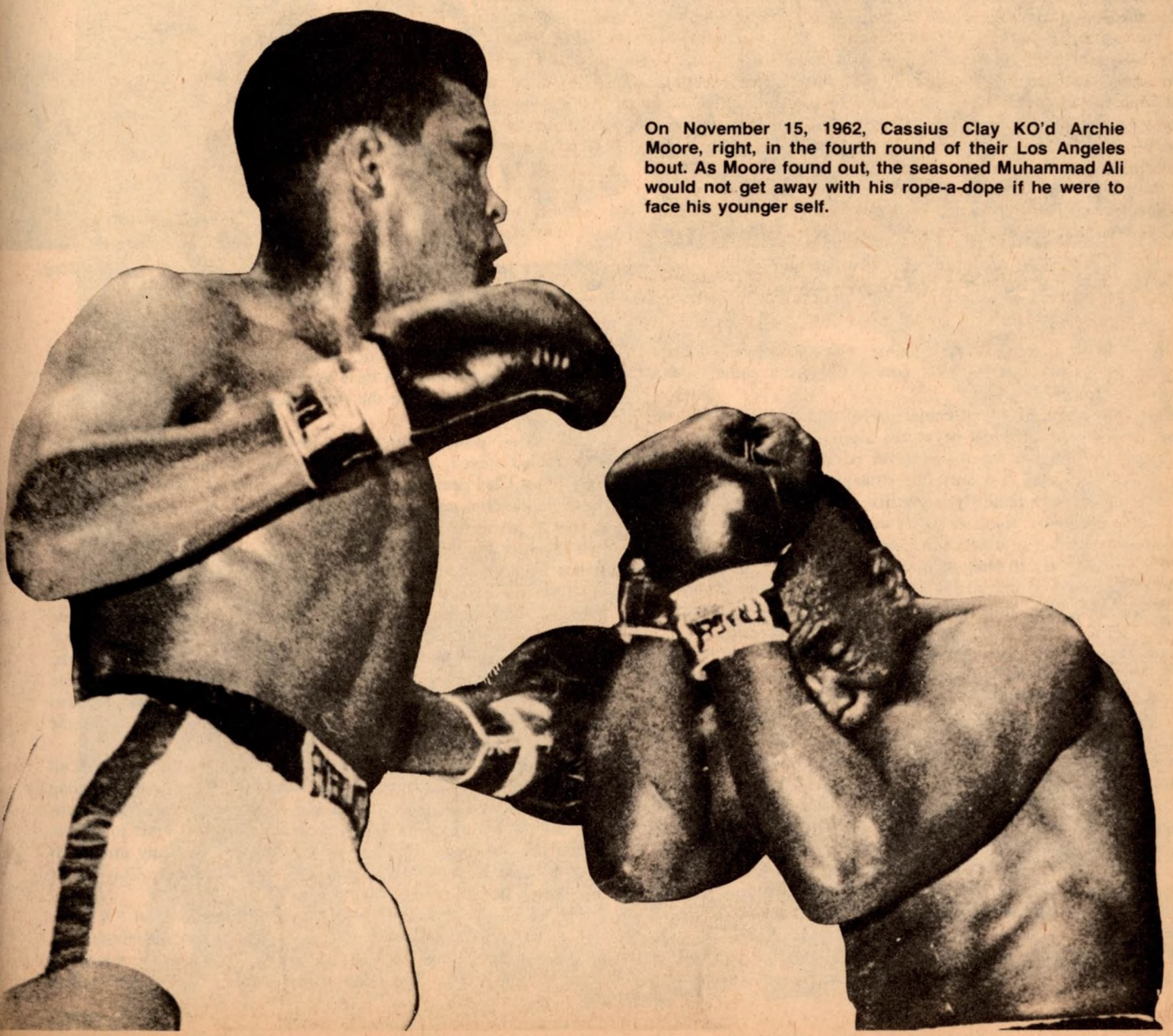
In all fairness to Muhammad, let us take him literally, and examine the swaggering poet only up until 1964, the year he shocked the world by beating Sonny Liston, the original George Forman, for the title.

Even stripped of the experience of his nine defenses (tied for second with Ezzard Charles), we still have a formidable contender. Undefeated in his nineteen outings, Cassius was lean, talented, hungry, and incredibly fast.

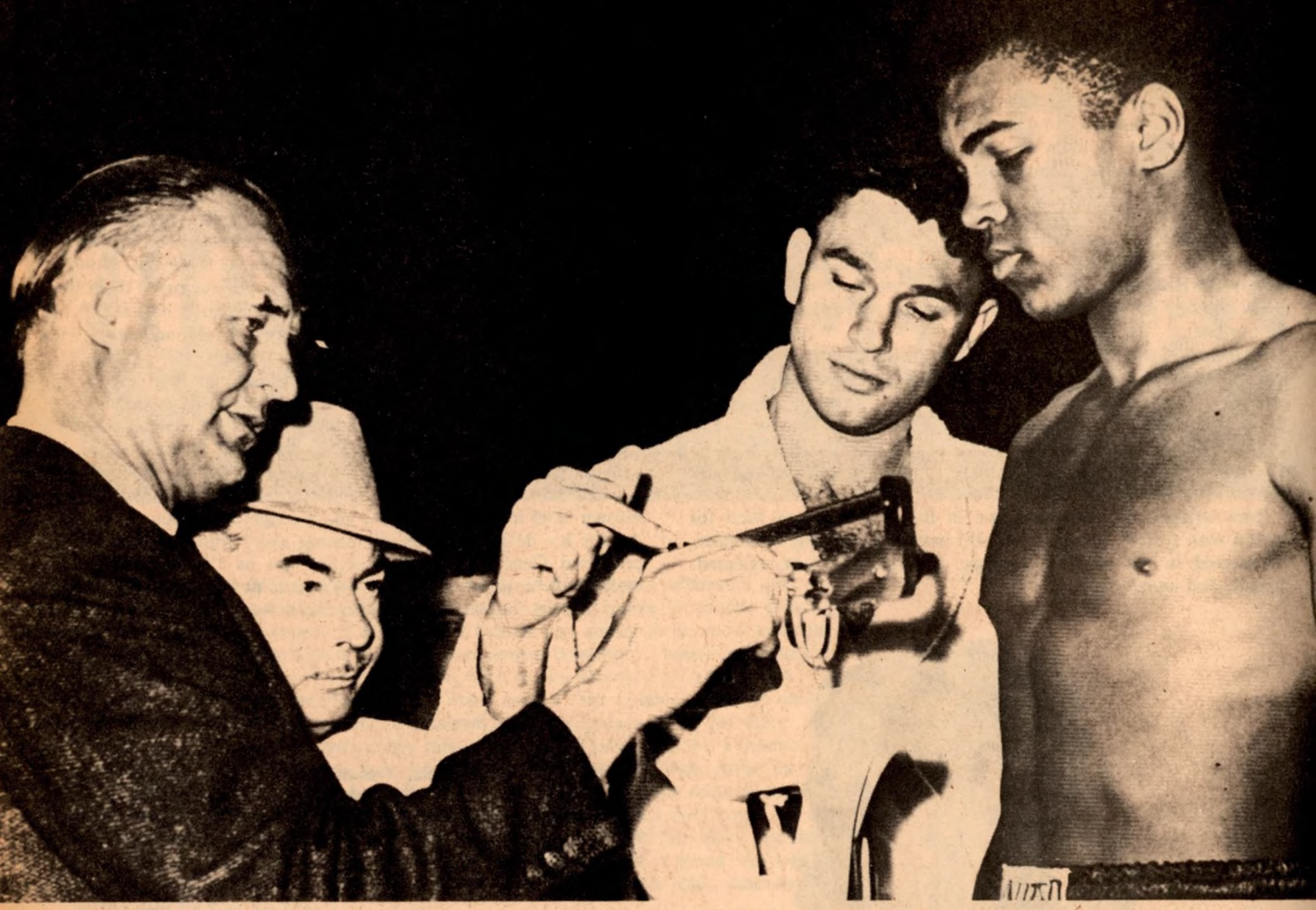
Of course, whenever a fighter, especially an ex-Olympic champion, goes undefeated the critics are quick to berate his opponents as somewhat less than first class. While it cannot be disputed that young Cassius' career was not jeopardized against the Folleys and Machens, it would be equally erroneous to say that he fought nothing but set-ups prior to the Liston encounter.

Mssrs. Lavorante, Sabedong, Jones, Powell, Moore, and Cooper were all, at one time or another, listed among the top twenty worldwide. As it turned out ratings were quite irrelevant. None of the aforementioned fighters were as bad as Cassius made them look (with the exception of Mr. Jones, who didn't look bad at all), as very often the issue was decided in the first or second round, with Cassius stretching things out to fulfill his "prophesy."

Cassius' style was geared toward making monkeys out of his foes. Hands held low and always backpedalling, it seemed as it he were hell-bent on giving the bout away on aggressiveness, but there was a crucial difference. When Ali backs away he is avoiding danger. Cassius on the other hand, lured his man into a deadly chase in which his snaking jab never ceased, his combinations were thrown from impossible angles, and his right came out of nowhere. As for his defensive habit of leaning away from punches, which prompted Gene Tunney to describe him as "a good amateur," well, if there are no marks on Ali's face, as he so regularly points out, then he has Cassius Clay to thank for its care during its im-



**On November 15, 1962, Cassius Clay KO'd Archie Moore, right, in the fourth round of their Los Angeles bout. As Moore found out, the seasoned Muhammad Ali would not get away with his rope-a-dope if he were to face his younger self.**



**Argentine heavyweight Alejandro Lavorante, seen lending a helping hand at the weigh-in, only lasted five rounds against Cassius Clay, (on scale,) when the two met in Los Angeles on July 20, 1962.**

petuous youth. It is ironic that the same critics who labelled Cassius Clay as an unorthodox freak now extoll Ali's game as the epitome of scientific boxing.

To set up a round by round conjecture of this "fight" would be a waste of time. Muhammad never has a plan, and indeed he is a great enough professional to do whatever is necessary in any given situation. Cassius Clay had only one strategy, and no matter what Ali says, "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee" belongs to Clay.

It would be equally pointless to set up a tale of the tape method of comparison, since in essence we are examining the same man. There is no easy way to analyze a meeting between two such controversial figures, and indeed the only course open is an examination of the intangible elements that would most assuredly decide the contest.

There are four basic areas where Clay and Ali can be successfully compared. Although these areas are in themselves abstract, they encompass enough tangibles to determine which of the two is the better man.

**STAMINA**—Perhaps the most critical issue of this match is staying power, which goes hand in hand with conditioning. Even giving Ali the benefit of the doubt and assuming that he wouldn't take Clay too lightly, the edge certainly has to be given to the younger, faster Cassius, not only because of his fewer years, but because sticking and moving was the only way he knew how to fight. He was still dancing in the seventh against Liston, in the tenth against Jones. When was the last time Muhammad danced over four rounds without resorting to one of his kinky defensive tactics?

**POWER**—This category includes overall offense, as well as punching power. Each man has a deadly jab, a potent right, a crisp hook, a devastating uppercut. Many would be quick to say that Muhammad would have to have an edge, simply because he is hitting harder now, but here the difference is not so great as to be a determining factor.

Ali's new "power" comes as a result of his fighting more out of a flatfooted stance, an option that would be just as accessible to Clay. That Clay preferred to wear his opponents down by drowning them in punches rather than clubbing them into submission is a matter of perogative, and even the "new" Ali will not risk taking two in order to land one of his own. Meanwhile, Ali's flatfooted stance would make him susceptible to Clay's pinpoint shots.

**RING GENERALSHIP**—Under this heading falls defense, experience, and the ability to capitalize on opportunities. The wiser Ali will again have an edge, but the question of how much that edge would serve him is unclear. Muhammad knows how to take advantage of every chance to rest, while Clay's idea of a respite was to throw less punches. Still, there'd be no rope-a-doping this youngster, as anyone who witnessed him pick through Archie Moore's arsenal of defensive gimmicks will confirm.

The memories may not be so fresh to some, but I can still recall with chilling accuracy the spectacle of speedy Cassius evading blows by feet rather than inches, and regardless of what the scientists say, when a man misses by a great deal, he is open to retaliation. Clay was a devastating counter-puncher, and any errant Ali "bomb" would carry the most severe consequences. Clay didn't miss very often.

**MENTAL PREPARATION**—This is the unknown of "X" factor of the bout, and throughout the careers of both contestants it has been a crucial one. How highly would Ali regard the winner of nineteen fights? Would he come ready to fight, or would he expect

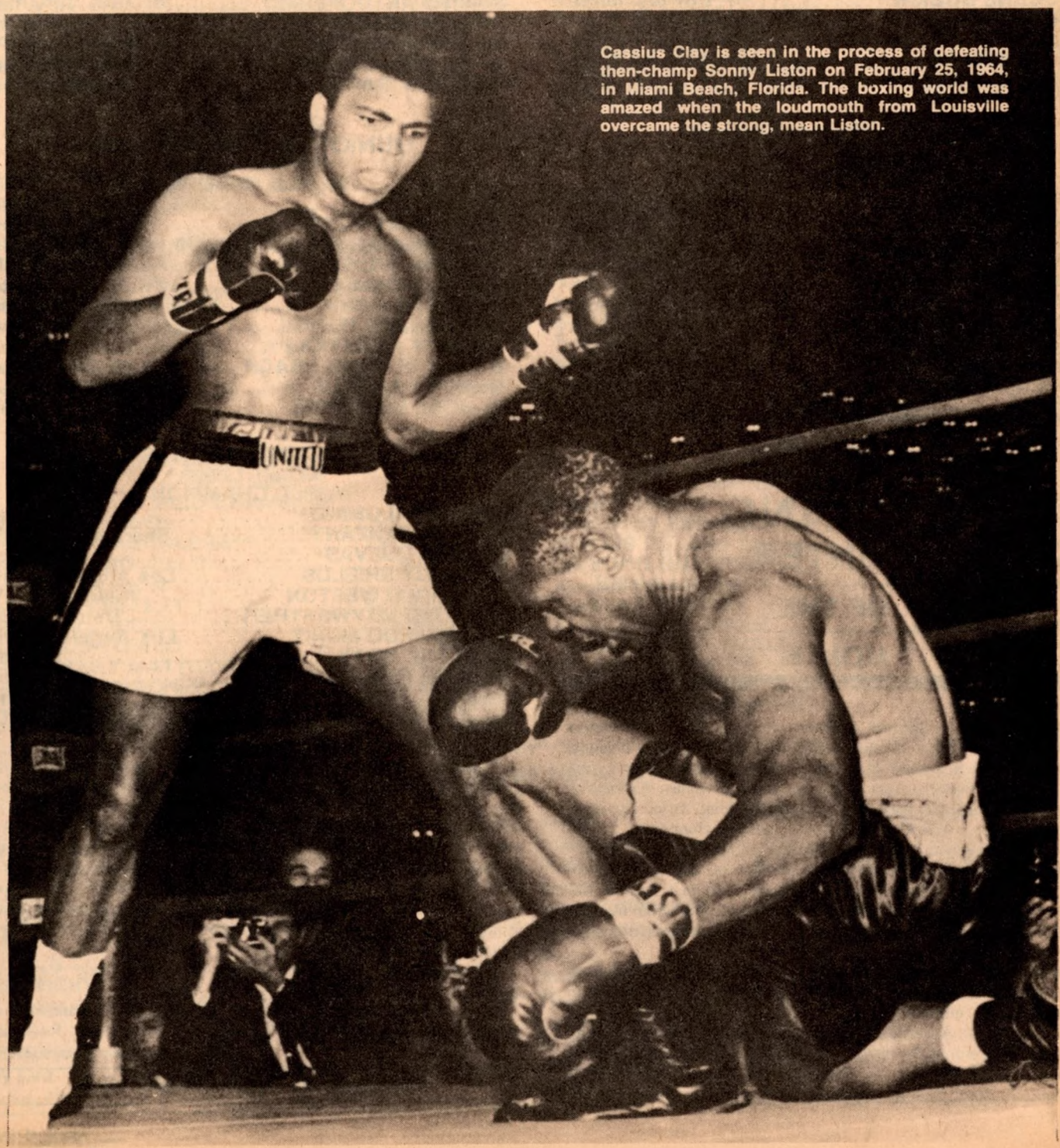
nothing more than another payday?

Considering that Kenny Norton had close to thirty wins against one loss before he met Ali, one has to give the edge here to Clay, who was still at the point where he was watching films of his opponents. He'd require little reminder of who he was going against, and would have done his homework just as Angie Dundee demanded. Moreover, he'd have the hungriness so many fighters cite, that craving for something better, while by his own confession Muhammad only fights for the public and the pay.

As great a fighter as he is, I certainly believe that Muhammad would give us all a fight to remember, but he'd have to fight this kid, and he'd have to fight by the younger man's rules. Recalling his difficulties with Jimmy Young and Joe Bugner, two agile if somewhat timid fighters, I'd have to think that the fight would end around the ninth, more likely than not a result of cuts.

To give each man his due, Cassius Clay was not the greatest, but the raw talent and personality that greatness cannot do without. Muhammad Ali is the greatest because he went on to fulfill the potential of Cassius Clay, in spite of the overwhelming obstacles placed before him by a public he dared to offend.

That he has lost some of the skills he had as Cassius Clay does nothing to diminish his greatness, for greatness is also the ability to replace the old with the new. Cassius Clay is a shadow in Muhammad Ali's past, but ask any boxer and he'll tell you that when you fight your shadow you fight to last, not to win. Even Muhammad Ali can't beat his shadow.



**Cassius Clay is seen in the process of defeating then-champ Sonny Liston on February 25, 1964, in Miami Beach, Florida. The boxing world was amazed when the loudmouth from Louisville overcame the strong, mean Liston.**

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# WORLD RATINGS

## HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI ..... Chicago, Ill.
1—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
2—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
3—LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
4—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
5—EARNIE SHAVERS ..... Warren, Ohio
6—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
7—HOWARD SMITH ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—JOHNNY BOUDREAUX ..... Houston, Texas
9—STAN WARD ..... Sacramento, Calif.
10—ALFIO RIGHETTI ..... Italy

## LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
3—MIGUEL CUELLO** ..... Argentina
4—RICHIE KATES ..... Brighton, N.J.
5—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
6—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Kalamazoo, Mich.
7—MIKE ROSSMAN ..... Turnesville, N.J.
8—JESSE BURNETT ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—ALVARO LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
10—LEN HUTCHINS ..... Detroit, Mich.

## MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS MONZON ..... Argentina
1—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
2—RODRIGO VALDES ..... Colombia
3—DAVID LOVE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—RONNIE HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
6—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
7—ALAN MINTER ..... England
8—BOBBY WATTS ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9—MARVIN HAGLER ..... Brockton, Mass.
10—CASEY GACIC ..... Cleveland, Ohio

## JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EDDIE GAZO* ..... Nicaragua
1—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
2—MIGUEL ANGEL CASTELLINI ..... Argentina
3—ALVIN ANDERSON ..... Baltimore, Md.
4—AYUB KALULA ..... Uganda
5—ELISHA OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas
6—ECKHARD DAGGE ..... Germany
7—ROCKY MATTIOLI** ..... Australia
8—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
9—BILLY BACKUS ..... Syracuse, N.Y.
10—JOEL BONNETAZ ..... France

## WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO** ..... Mexico
1—PETE RANZANY ..... Sacramento, Calif.
2—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
3—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
5—FLOYD MAYWEATHER ..... Detroit, Mich.
6—ARMANDO MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
8—JOSE PALACIOS ..... Mexico
9—JOHN STRACEY ..... England
10—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington, D.C.

## JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
1—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
2—ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
3—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
4—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—DAVID GREEN ..... England
6—LAURIE AUSTIN ..... Australia
7—HECTOR THOMPSON ..... Australia
8—NANI MARRERO ..... Dominican Rep.
9—SAOUL MAMBY ..... New York, N.Y.
10—JOE KIMPUANI ..... Zaire

## LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN* ..... Panama
1—ESTEBAN DeJESUS** ..... Puerto Rico
2—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico
3—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
4—VICENTE SALDIVAR ..... Mexico
5—HECTOR MEDINA ..... Dominican Rep.
6—PERICO FERNANDEZ ..... Spain
7—JOSUE MARQUEZ ..... Puerto Rico
8—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
9—ANTONIO GUINALDO ..... Spain
10—ANDREW GANIGAN ..... Hawaii

## JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALFREDO ESCALERA** ..... Puerto Rico
2—ALEXIS ARGUELLO ..... Nicaragua
3—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
4—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, N.Y.
5—BEN VILLAFLOR ..... Philippines
6—APOLLO YOSHIO ..... Japan
7—BLAKENEY MATTHEWS ..... South Africa
8—EZQUIEL SANCHEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
9—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—ROY HERNANDEZ ..... Corpus Christi, Texas

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## FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—DANNY LOPEZ** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—RUBEN CASTILLO ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
3—LIONEL HERNANDEZ ..... Venezuela
4—YUM-DONG KYUN ..... South Korea
5—PEDRO JIMINEZ ..... Spain
6—DAVID POISON KOTEY ..... Ghana
7—RAFAEL ORTEGA* ..... Panama
8—JOSE CERVANTES ..... Colombia
9—RODOLFO MARTINEZ ..... Mexico
10—RICHARD ROZELLE ..... Columbus, Ohio

## BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONSO ZAMORA* ..... Mexico
1—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ ..... Puerto Rico
3—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
4—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
5—ROBERT RUVALDINO ..... Mexico
6—FRANCO ZURLO ..... Italy
7—RAUL TIRADA ..... Mexico
8—ALBERTO DAVILA ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—CASTRO MARIO LOPEZ ..... Mexico

## FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Mexico
1—GUTTY ESPADAS* ..... Mexico
2—LUIS ESTABE ..... Venezuela
3—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
4—JORGE LUJAN ..... Panama
5—JUAN GUSMAN ..... Dominican Rep.
6—ALFONSO LOPEZ ..... Panama
7—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezuela
8—JUAN ALVAREZ ..... Mexico
9—AL SANDOVAL ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—PATRICK MAMBRWE ..... Zambia

# SAMUEL SERRANO
## FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

PUERTO Rico's Samuel Serrano retained his world junior lightweight title with a 15 round decision over Venezuela's Lionel Hernandez, which earned him this month's award. Runner-ups: W.B.A. junior welterweight king Antonio Cervantes, Colombia; Shengsak Muangsurin, W.B.C. junior welter king, from Thailand; Wilfred Gomez, W.B.C. super bantamweight champion, Puerto Rico and Venezuelian Luis Estaba, W.B.C. junior flyweight king.

The big change in the heavyweight division is, due to the retirement of George Foreman. He was ranked third last month. Everyone moves up one spot with Italy's Alfio Righetti moving into the tenth spot due to a win over Cookie Wallace. Alfio is three for three in 1977.

Middleweight Ronnie Harris, Akron, Ohio, goes up to five from six with a kayo win over Germany's Frank Reiche. Antuofermo drops one place, inactive.

Rocky Mattioli, Australia, moves into sixth place, winning W.B.C. junior middleweight title, having beaten Eckhard Dagge, Germany, via kayo. Spain's Jose Duran falls out of the top ten since he lost last bout to Ayub Kalule. Backus moves up into Duran's ninth place due to Jose's drop.

Junior lightweight were shook up with former world featherweight king Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, moving into the number two spot after giving up the featherweight title. Alexis could no longer make the featherweight limit. Arguello scored a kayo win over seventh ranked Ezquiel Sanchez. Sanchez dropped to eighth. Rafael Limon remained third. He beat Augustin Estrada, while Walter Seeley fell to fourth, inactive. Villaflor, Yoshio, Matthews and Hernandez all fall a spot, due to Arguello's move. Sigfrido Rodriguez comes out to make room for Alexis. He's been inactive. Chacon stays number ten.

No changes in the featherweight division other then Alexis Arguello giving up the title.

Sean O'Grady moves up from fifth to fourth in the bantams with a ten round nod over David Vasquez. Mexico's Robert Ruvaldino

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**Champions: *WBA **WBC †U.S.**

## PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

| NAME | Pro Debut | Total Bouts | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **HEAVYWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Rocky McCaleb** Miami, Fla. | 7/76 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| **LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Kevin Smith** Jersey City, N.J. | 5/76 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| **MIDDLEWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Milton Owens,** Orlando, Fla. | 12/75 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| **WELTERWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Johnny Lira** Las Vegas, Nev. | 11/76 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| **LIGHTWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Felix Perez** Bronx, N.Y. | 4/74 | 14 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| **FEATHERWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Eulogio Bojorquez** Mexico | 3/77 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| **BANTAMWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Raul Ochoa** Los Angeles, Calif. | 7/76 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| **FLYWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Claude Tanda** Italy | 6/75 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 |

# PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

AMID THE CONFUSION OF PARTIALLY SANCTIONED WORLD TITLES AND NEWLY CREATED CLASSES, TWENTY-FIVE BOXERS RULE THE RINGS OF THE WORLD TODAY

# HEAVYWEIGHT

MUHAMMAD ALI (Cassius Clay)
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
UNDISPUTED WORLD CHAMPION

Won title on February 25, 1964, when he kayoed Sonny Liston in seven at Miami Beach, Florida. Retired from the ring February 3, 1970. Regained title on October 30, 1974, when he stopped George Foreman in eight at Kinshasa, Zaire. Became second man in boxing history to regain the heavyweight title. His defenses: Sonny Liston, KO 7; Floyd Patterson, KO 12; George Chuvalo, W 15; Henry Cooper, KO 6; Brian London, KO 3; Karl Mildenberger KO 12; Cleveland Williams, KO 3; Ernie Terrell, W 15; Zora Folley, KO 7; Chuck Wepner, KO 15; Ron Lyle, KO 11; Joe Bugner W 15; Joe Frazier, KO 14; Jean Pierre Coopman, KO 5; Jimmy Young, W 15; Richard Dunn, KO 5; Ken Norton, W 15 and Alfredo Evangelista, W 15.

VICTOR GALINDEZ
ARGENTINA
WBA CHAMPION

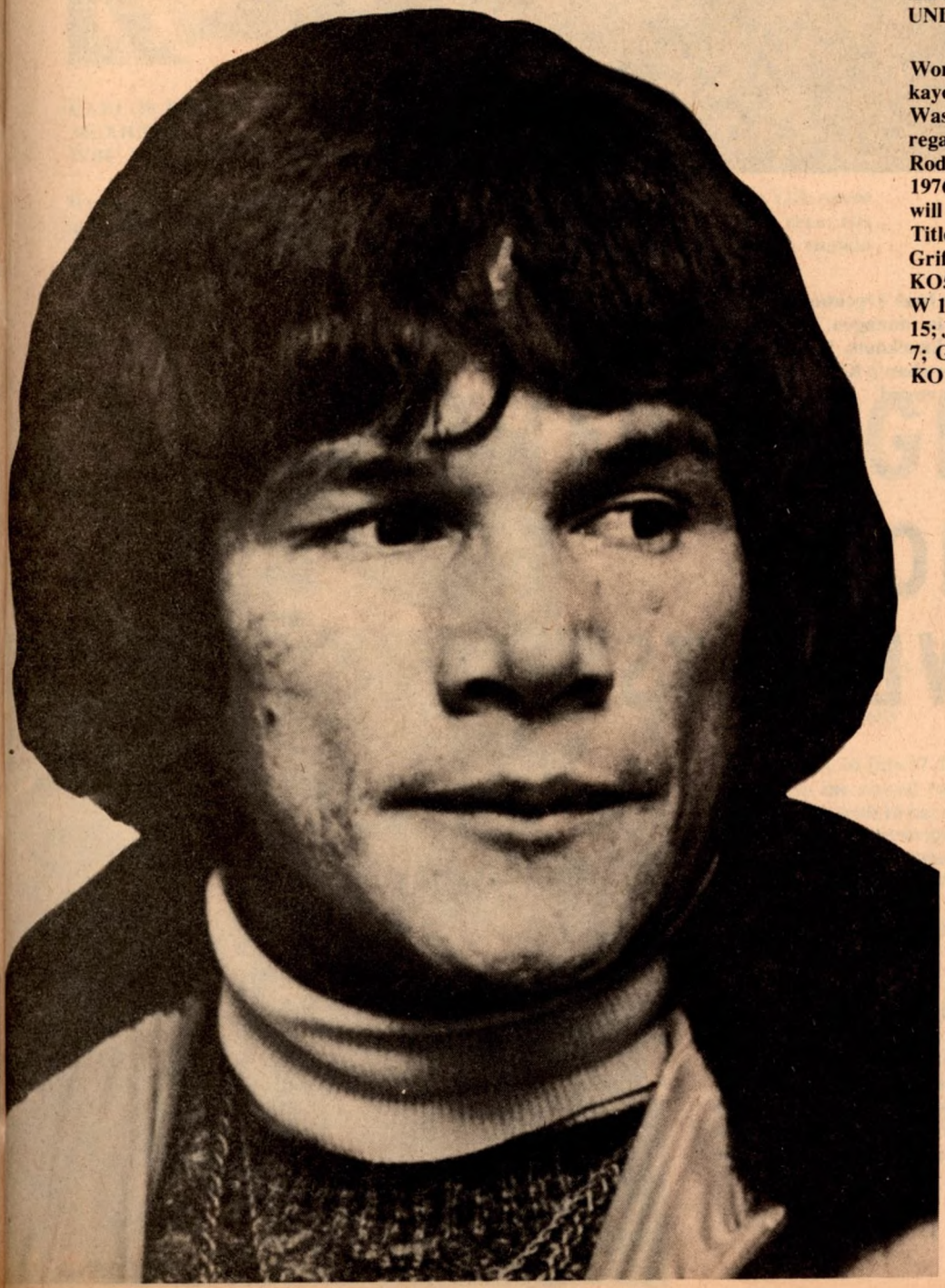
Won the title on December 7, 1974, when he halted Len Hutchens, Detroit, Michigan, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in the 13th round to win the vacant title. Title defenses: Pierre Fourie, twice, both W 15; Jorge Ahumada, W 15; Harold Skog, KO 3; Richie Kates, twice, KO 15, W 15; Kosie Smith, W 15.

# LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

MIGUEL CUELLO
ARGENTINA
WBC CHAMPION

Won the title on May 21, 1977, when he stopped Jessie Burnett, Los Angeles, California, in the ninth round at Monte Carlo for the vacant title. Age 31, Cuello boxed mostly in South America before establishing himself in Europe in 1976 against Phil Matthews, KO 2; Ray Anderson, KO 6; Mario Almanzo, W 10; Wayne McGee, KO 4 and Kurt Ludecke, KO 1. There have been no title defenses as we go to press.

# MIDDLEWEIGHT



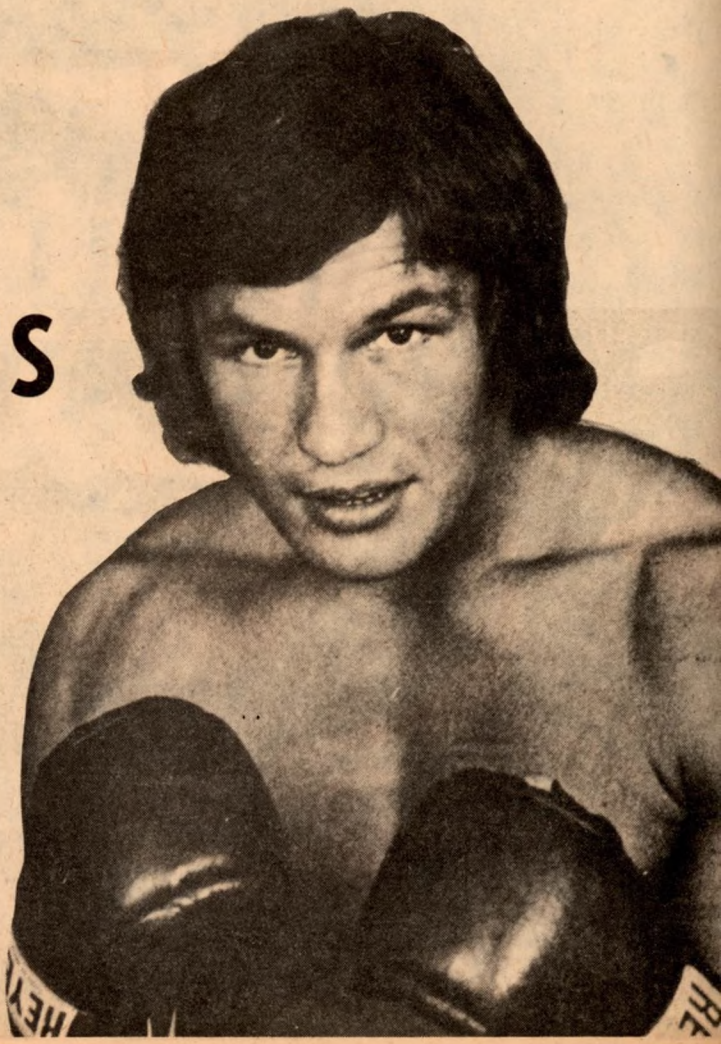
**CARLOS MONZON**
**ARGENTINA**
**UNDISPUTED WORLD CHAMPION**

**Won the title on November 7, 1970, when he kayoed Italy's Nino Benvenuti in 12 rounds. Was stripped of the crown by the WBC, regained it when he beat WBC champion Rodrigo Valdes in 15 rounds on June 26, 1976, in Monte Carlo. As we go to press he will engage Valdes again in Monte Carlo. Title defenses: Benvenuti, KO 3; Emile Griffith, twice, KO 14, W 15; Denny Moyer, KO5; Jean Claude Bouttier, twice, KO 12, W 15; Tom Bogs, KO 5; Bennie Briscoe, W 15; Jose Napoles, KO 7; Tony Mundine, KO 7; Gratien Tonna, KO 5 and Tony Licata, KO 10.**

**EDDIE GAZO**
**NICARAGUA**
**WBA AND RING CHAMPION**

**Won the title on March 6, 1977, when he beat Argentina's Miguel Angel Castellini via a 15 round decision in Managua, Nicaragua. Gazo's record to date is 35-4-2, with 19 knockouts. His only title defense as we go to press is against former champ Koichi Wajima, Japan, whom Gazo took out in the 11th round.**

# JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS



**ECKHARD DAGGE**
**GERMANY**
**WBC CHAMPION**

**Won the title on June 18, 1976, when he halted Elisha Obed, Nassau, Bahamas, in the 11th round, in Berlin. Title defenses: Emile Griffith W 15, and Maurice Hope, draw 15. (A title does not change hands on a draw.) Dagge won the European Jr. middle title on June 24, 1975, with a KO in 9 over Jose Duran, Spain, in Berlin, and defended that title against Franz Csandl, KO 7. He lost to Vito Antuofermo in Berlin on January 16, 1976, via a 15 round decision and KO'd Marcel Gordanella in 7 before he faced Obed for the WBC title.**

**CARLOS PALOMINO**
**MEXICO**
**WBC AND RING WORLD CHAMPION**

**Won the title on June 22, 1976, when he kayoed England's John Stracey in the 12th round in London, England. Palomino boxed most of his career in the Los Angeles area. His record is 22-1-3, with 12 knockouts. Title defenses as we go to press are against Armando Muniz, KO 15, and David Green, KO 11.**

# WELTERWEIGHTS

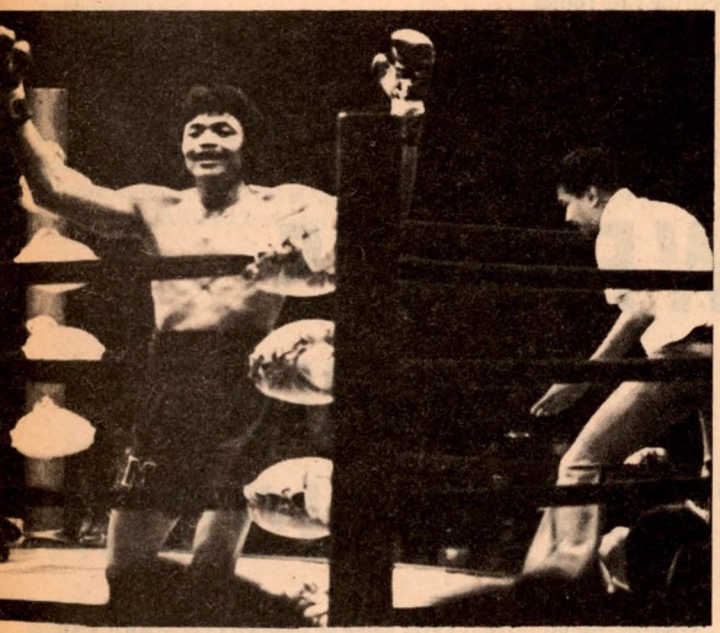
**JOSE "PIPINO" CUEVAS**
**MEXICO**
**WBA CHAMPION**

**Won the title on July 17, 1976, when he stopped Puerto Rico's Angel Espada in the second round, at Mexicali, Mexico. His record to date, 18-5-0, with 16 kayo's. Cuevas started boxing in 1972. He won the Mexican welterweight championship on September 28, 1975, when he KO'd Jose Palacios in 10, and gave up that title on April 13, 1976, after defending it once against Rafael Piamonte in Mexicali, with a KO in one. Title defenses of his WBA title have been against Shoji Tsukimoto, KO 6, and Miguel Campanino, KO 2.**

# JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

**WILFRED BENITEZ**
**PUERTO RICO**
**THE RING WORLD CHAMPION**

**Won the title on March 6, 1976, when he outpointed Antonio Cervantes of Colombia over 15 rounds. Benitez was stripped by the WBA for failure to defend against Cervantes in a return match. Title defenses were against Emiliano Villa, W 15, and Tony Petronelli, KO 3. Other non-title bouts: Harold Weston, D 10; Mel Dennis, W 8 and Easy Boy Lake, KO 1. As we go to press there is talk of a defense against Venezuela's Ray Chavez.**



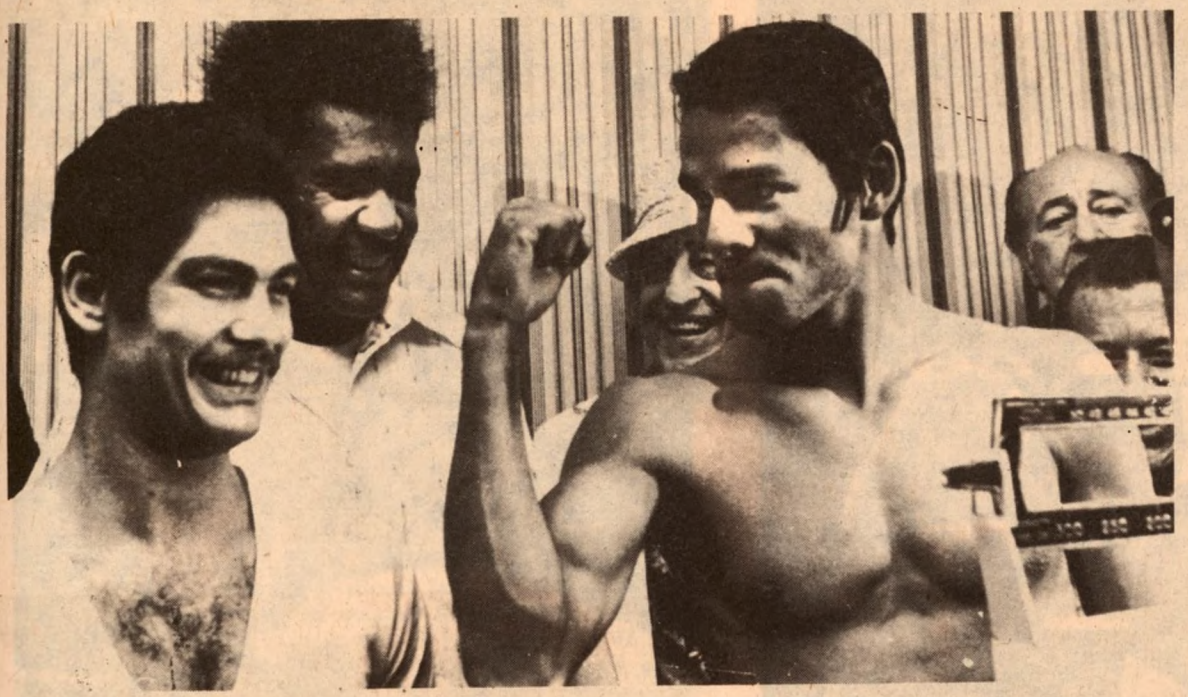
**SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN**
**THAILAND**
**WBC CHAMPION**

**Won the title on July 15, 1975, when he halted Spain's Perico Fernandez in eight rounds. Muangsurin won the title in his second pro bout, but he had boxed over forty times as a Thai-style fighter. He lost the title to Miguel Velazquez in June 1976, and regained it in October of the same year via a two round kayo over Velazquez. His pro record stands 7-1-0, with 5 kayo's. Title defenses: Tetsuo Furuyama, W 15; Monroe Brooks, KO 15; Ishimatsu Suzuki, KO 6 and Perico Fernandez, W 15.**

**ANTONIO CERVANTES**
**COLOMBIA**
**WBA CHAMPION**

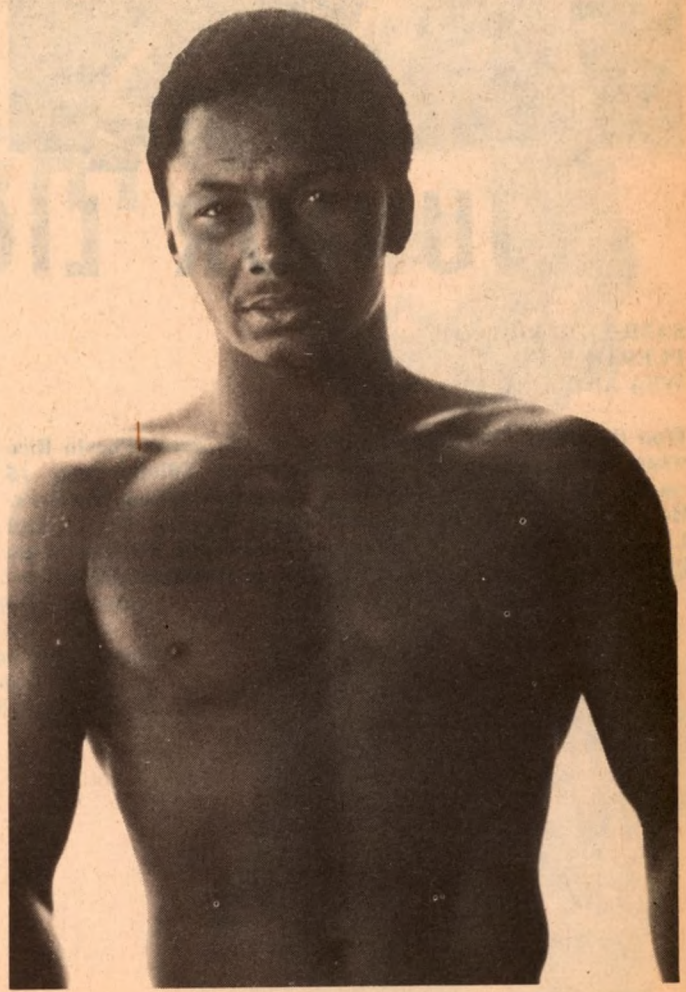
**Regained the title on June 25, 1977, when he kayoed Carlos Giminez in the sixth round at Maracaibo, Venezuela.**
**He won the title for the first time on October 28, 1972, when kayoed Alfonso Frazier in 10, at Panama City, Panama. Cervantes lost the crown to Wilfred Benitez on March 6, 1976, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and regained the vacant title from Geminez on June 25, 1977, when Benitez was stripped of it. Title defenses: Josue Marquez, W 15; Nicolino Loche, KO 9; Alfonso Frazier, KO 5; Carlos Giminez, KO 5; Lion Furuyama, W 15; Chang Kil Lee, KO 6; Victor Ortiz, KO 2; Shinchi Kadoto, KO 8; Esteban DeJesus, W 15, Hector Thompson, KO 7.**

# LIGHTWEIGHTS



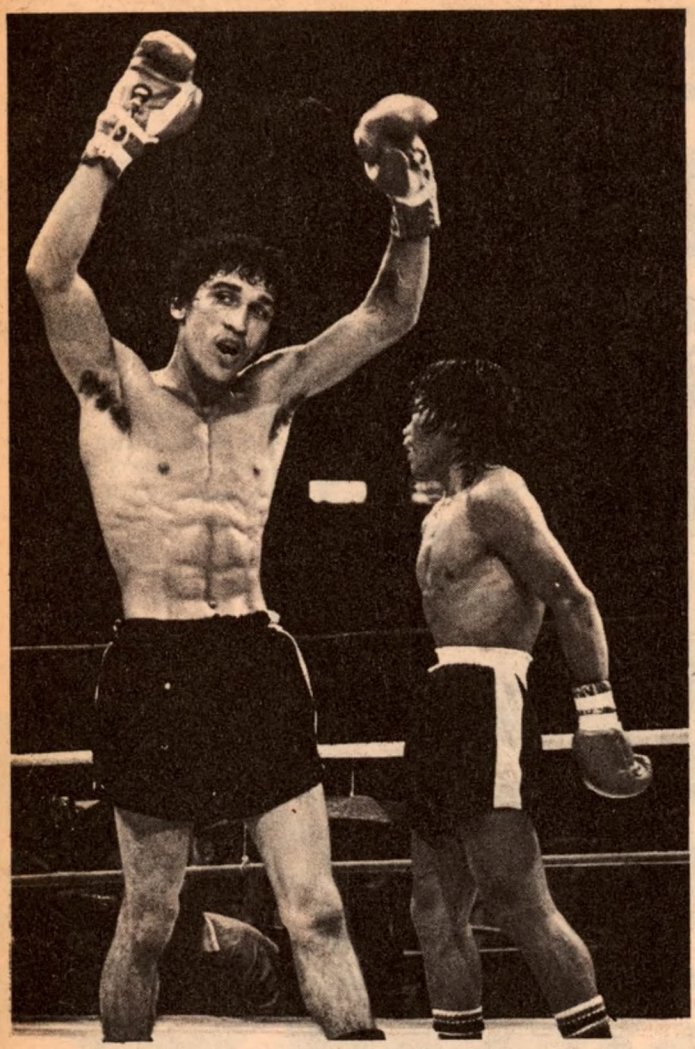
**ROBERTO DURAN**
**PANAMA**
**WBA AND RING WORLD CHAMPION**

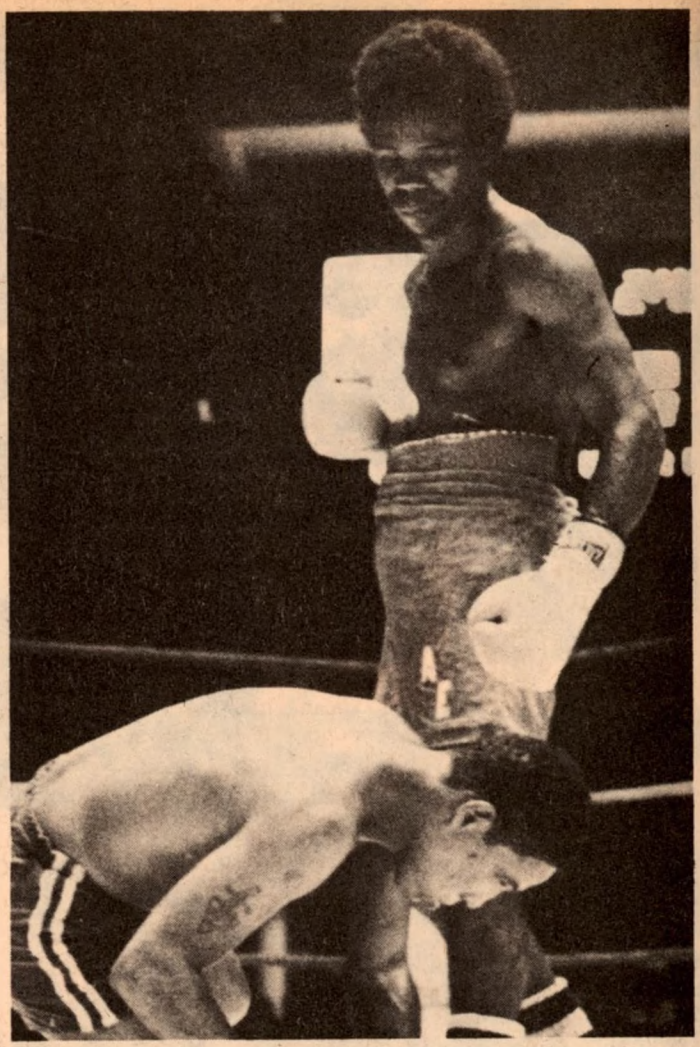
**Won the title on June 26, 1972, when he halted Scotland's Ken Buchanan in 13 rounds, at Madison Square Garden, New York. Title defenses: Jimmy Robertson, KO 5; Hector Thompson, KO 8; Ishimatsu Suzuki, KO 10; Masataka Takayama, KO 1; Esteban DeJesus, KO 11; Ray Lampkin, KO 14; Leonico Ortiz, KO 15; Lou Bizzaro, KO 14; Alvaro Rojas, KO 1 and Vilomar Fernandez KO 13.**



**ESTEBAN DeJESUS**
**PUERTO RICO**
**WBC CHAMPION**

**Won title on May 8, 1976, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, when he outpointed Ishimatsu Suzuki over 15 rounds. Had unsuccessful shots at Antonio Cervantes for the junior welterweight crown and at Roberto Duran for his part of the lightweight crown. Title defenses: Hector Medina, KO 7; Buzzsaw Yamabe, KO 6, and Vicente Saldivar, KO 11.**





# JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

**SAMUEL SERRANO**
**PUERTO RICO**
**WBA AND RING CHAMPION**

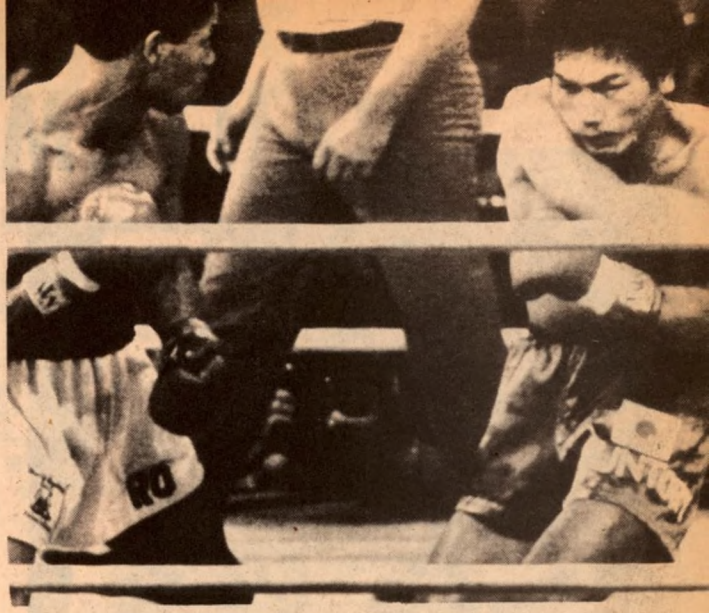
**Won the title on October 16, 1976, at San Juan, Puerto Rico when he outpointed the Philippine's Ben Villaflor over 15 rounds. He holds a win over WBC champion Alfredo Escalera. He has had title defenses against Alberto Herrera, KO 11, and Lionel Hernandez, W 15. He boxed a draw with Villaflor in his first bid for the title on April 13, 1976, in Honolulu, Hawaii.**

**ALFREDO ESCALERA**
**PUERTO RICO**
**WBC CHAMPION**

**Won the title on July 5, 1975, at Tokyo, Japan, when he halted Kuniaki Shibata, Japan, in five rounds. Title defenses: Lionel Hernandez, D 15; Sven-Erik Paulsen, KO 9; Buzzsaw Yamabe, twice, KO 6, W 15; Ray Lunny, KO 12; Tyrone Everett, W 15; Ronnie McGarvey, KO 6, and Carlos Becerril, KO 8.**

ALEXIX ARGUELLO
NICARAGUA
RING CHAMPION

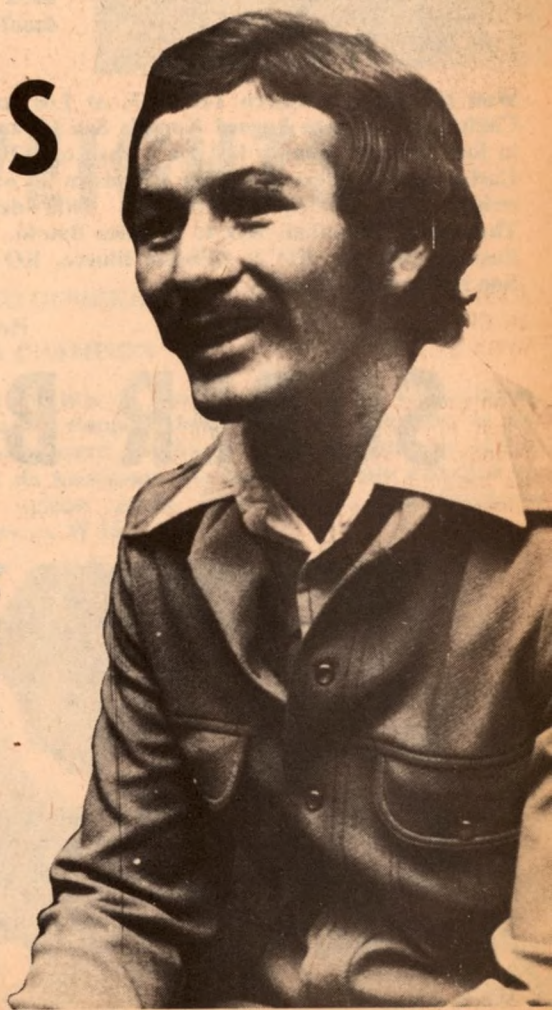
Won the title as recognized by The Ring on May 31, 1975, at Managua, Nicaragua, when he stopped Panama's Rigoberto Riasco in two rounds for the vacant title. The WBA recognized Arguello as champ when he stopped Ruben Olivares in 13, on November 23, 1974. Arguello lost an early bid on a 15 round decision to Ernesto Marcel in Panama. Arguello gave up the title because of weight problems, but another version was him stripped by the WBA for failing to box Panama's Rafael Ortega in Panama. Title defenses were against Royal Kobayashi, KO 5, and Salvatore Torres, KO 3.



RAFAEL ORTEGA
PANAMA
WBA CHAMPION

Won the title on January 15, 1977, at Panama City, Panama, when Rafael beat Nicaragua's Francisco Coronado over 15 rounds. This was for the vacant title. An Arguello vs. Ortega bout did not come off, so the WBA named Coronado to replace Arguello. Ortega's only title defense as we go to press is against Flipper Uehara, W 15.

# FEATHERWEIGHTS



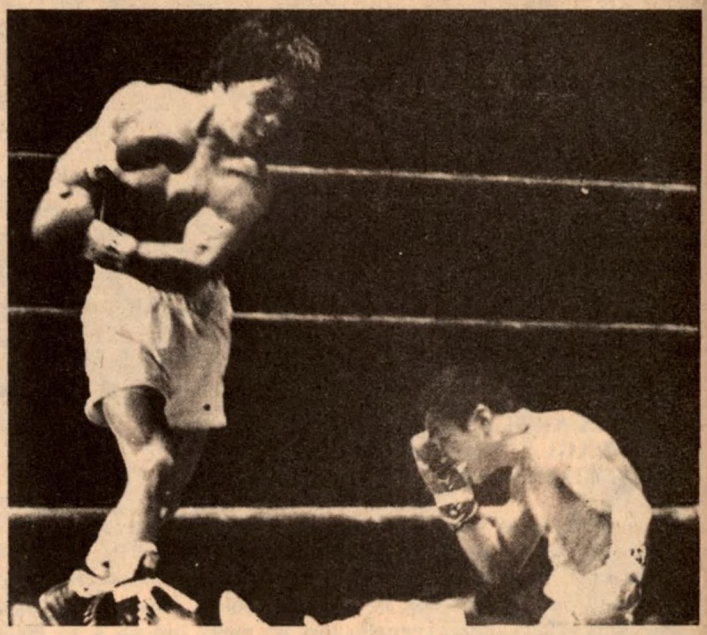
DANNY "LITTLE INDIAN" LOPEZ
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
WBC CHAMPION

Won title on November 5, 1976, at Accra, Ghana, when he won a 15 round nod over local David Poison Kotey. His record to date is 32-3-0, with 30 knockouts. He holds wins over ex-bantam kings Ruben Olivares and Chuchu Castillo and ex-feather champ Bobby Chacon. He has had no title defenses as we go to press.

# BANTAMWEIGHTS

ALFONSO ZAMORA
MEXICO
WBA AND RING CHAMPION

Won the title on March 14, 1975, at Los Angeles, California, when he kayoed Korea's Soo Hwan Hong in four rounds. Zamora lost via a kayo to WBC king Carlos Zarate, Mexico, in four rounds in an over the weight bout on April 23, 1977. Title defenses: Thanamjit Sukhothai, KO 4; Socrates Batoto, KO 2; Eusubio Pedroza, KO 2; Gilberto Illueca, KO 3 and Soo Hwan Hong, KO 12.



CARLOS ZARATE
MEXICO
WBC CHAMPION

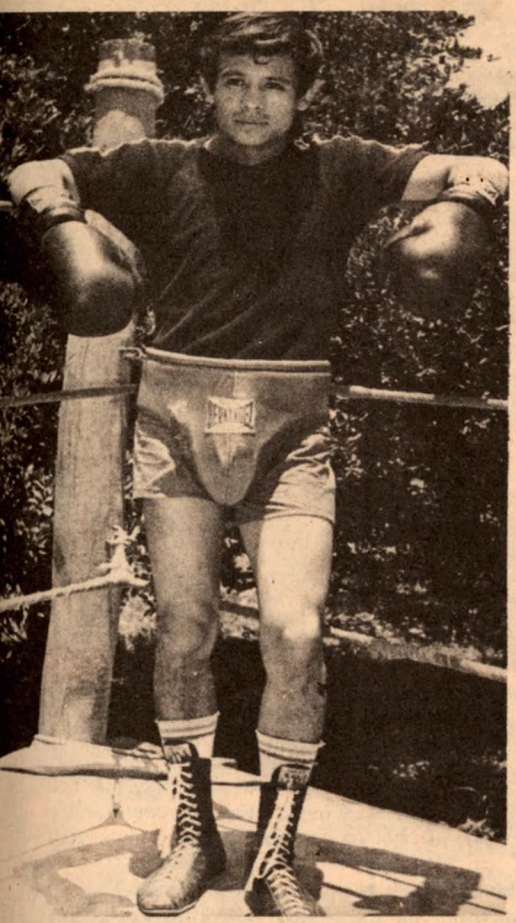
Won the title on May 8, 1976, at Los Angeles, California, when he stopped Mexican Rodolfo Martinez in nine rounds. Zarate holds a win over WBA and Ring champion Alfonso Zamora in an over the weight contest on April 23, 1977. Title defenses: Paul Ferreri, KO 12; Warunige Nakayama, KO 4 and Fernando Cabanela, KO 3.

# SUPER BANTAMWEIGHT

WILFREDO GOMEZ
PUERTO RICO
WBC CHAMPION

Won the title on May 21, 1977, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, when he stopped Korea's Yum Dong-Kyun in the 12th round. Gomez' first and only defense of the title as we go to press was July 11, against Mexico's Raul Tirada. Since 1975, Gomez has scored a perfect record of 13 straight KO wins.

# FLYWEIGHTS



(Left) MIGUEL CANTO
MEXICO
WBC AND RING CHAMPION

Won title on January 8, 1975, at Sendai, Japan, when he beat Japan's Shoji Oguma in a 15 round match. Canto lost his earlier bid to win the WBA crown from Betulio Gonzalez. Title defenses: Betulio Gonzalez, twice, W 15; Jiro Takada, KO 11; Ignacio Espinal, W 15; Susumu Hanagata, W 15; Orlando Javierto, W 15; Reyes Arnal, W 15 and Kimio Furesawa, W 15.

GUSTAVO "GUTTY" ESPADAS
MEXICO
WBA CHAMPION

Won title on October 2, 1976, at Los Angeles, California, when he kayoed Panama's Alfonso Lopez in the 13th round. Record to date is 26-265 with 19 kayo's. Espadas' title defenses have been against Jiro Takada, KO 7, and Alfonso Lopez, KO 13.

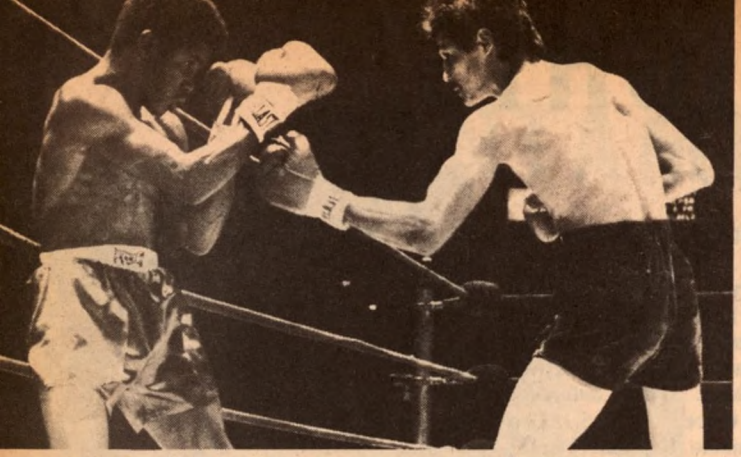
# JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS

LUIS ESTABA
VENEZUELA
WBC CHAMPION

Won title on September 13, 1975, at Caracas, Venezuela, when he halted Rafael Lobera to win the title marking the start of this division by the W.B.C. Title defenses: Takenobu Shimabukuro, KO 10; Juan Alvarez, W 15; Franco Udella, KO 3; Rodolfo Rodriguez, KO 11; Valentin Martinez, KO 11 and Rafael Pedroza, W 15.

YOKO GUSHIKEN
JAPAN
WBA CHAMPION

Won the title on October 10, 1976, at Kotu, Japan, when he stopped Dominican Juan Guzman in the seventh round. Gushiken's record to date is 11-0-0, with six knockouts. He has successfully defended his title against Jaime Rios, W 15, and Rigoberto Marcano, W 15.



(Left) World feather king Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, sets up Juan "Cocoa" Sanchez, Domicinan Republic, for a barrage of punches in round four. Sanchez went down twice in that round and couldn't answer for the fifth. (Right) Arguelle is the victor.

# Arguello Sizzles at Garden's Summer Festival

**By NAT LOUBET**

MADISON Square Garden opened up its "Summer Festival of Boxing" with a superb card of four ten rounders and two fours which drew 7,364 fans who paid $67,143.85 to witness the night's festivities.

In the feature ten, Alexis Arguello of Managua, Nicaragua, lived up to the pre fight promise of Garden Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, that Arguello would be one of the best fighters to be seen in New York for some time. He was just that—a boxer and banger who destroyed his opponent, Juan "Cocoa" Sanchez of the Dominican Republic in a brilliant display of fistic abilities that had the experts comparing him to Sugar Ray Robinson.

Alexis had Sanchez down twice in round four and when the bell rang for the fifth round Sanchez was in no shape to continue the fracas. It was all over. Alexis had won all four of the rounds leading up to the end.

Both fighters had come to fight but Sanchez with an 18-2 record just didn't have a punch nor the all around ability to successfully compete against Arguello.

Alexis recently gave up his featherweight title due to the problem of making the weight and because he eventually wants to compete as a lightweight and get a crack at Jose Duran. He is currently campaigning as a Jr. lightweight but there is little doubt but that he

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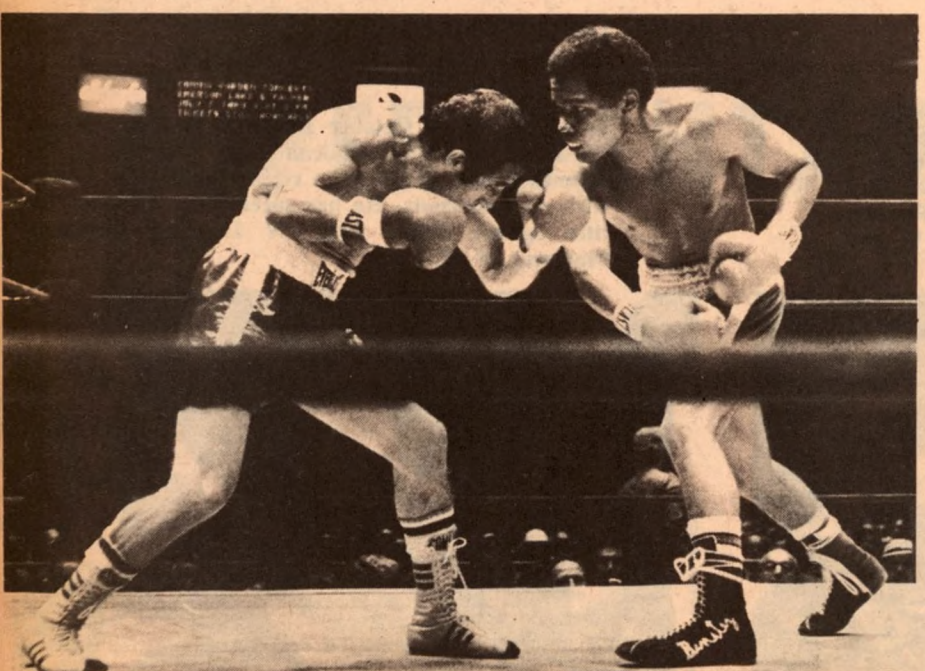
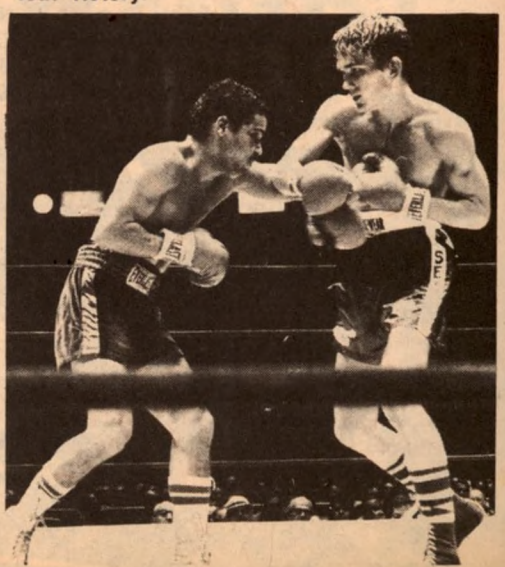
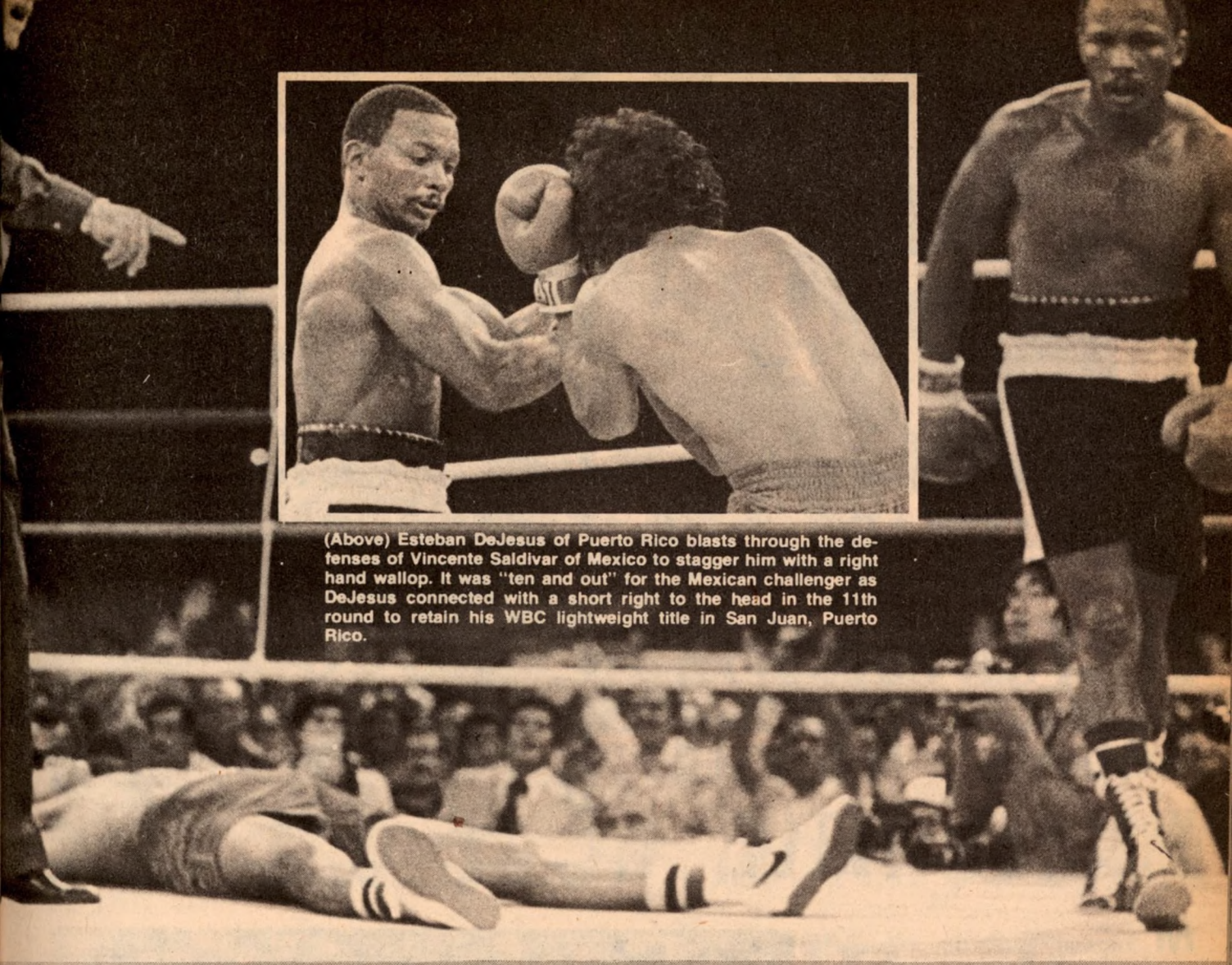


**(Left) Welterweight Frankie Benitez of Puerto Rico, left, just landed a right to the jaw of Cemal Kamaci of Istanbul, enroute to his 10-round win over the Turk. (Above) Sean O'Grady is mixing with his shorter opponent, Davey Vasquez. O'Grady won in 10 for his 48th victory.**





(Above) Esteban DeJesus of Puerto Rico blasts through the defenses of Vincente Saldivar of Mexico to stagger him with a right hand wallop. It was "ten and out" for the Mexican challenger as DeJesus connected with a short right to the head in the 11th round to retain his WBC lightweight title in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

# DeJesus Stops Saldivar in 11th, Retains Title

**By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO**

**Photos by PAQUITO RIVERA**

With a latin band echoing from all four corners of the arena and junior lightweight titleholder Alfredo Escalera dancing in the center of the ring to the tune of salsa rythm in a prefight "prelim", Mexico's Vicente Saldivar decided to try a little dancing of his own.

And he was doing quite a bit of fancy stepping in his quest for the WBC lightweight title against champion Esteban de Jesus for three and a half rounds. But, at this point, and urged by the clamor of the crowd, mild looking French referee Raymond Beryerut stopped the action and, with a bit of gesticulation, asked Saldivar to step it up. But, all the Mexican did was reduce slightly his range of action, giving De Jesus a chance to at least score a few hard shots to the head before the round was over.

In the fifth, Saldivar received a slight cut over the right eye the product of a short left hook delivered by De Jesus. But the action continued to be limited as Saldivar elected to keep moving to the left side of his opponent in an effort to stay away from Esteban's vaunted left hooks.

At the close of the eighth heat, Saldivar however, appeared hurt by a De Jesus' left hook, but in the ninth, he had one of his best rounds when he found range with his jab and scored well with an uppercut that surprised De Jesus.

Encouraged by this last exchange, Saldivar began to increase his tempo in the tenth. This was his mistake. But he was so far behind that he had to start tossing leather or forget about taking the title back to the West Coast.

Urged by his manager Harry Kabakoff, Saldivar started the eleventh with a lot of determination, but without the necessary physical equipment to cope with his opponent's heavier fists.

A short right to the head at the two minute mark stopped him cold. He started to bleed from the nose. A right to the midsection, followed by a solid left hook to the jaw dropped Saldivar like a fallen oak. He was flat on his back when he received the french count of ten.

The importation of a foreign referee, who could not speak either Spanish or English certainly left a lot to be desired from W.B.C. Judging the fight were two gentlemen who were possibly in a better position, (language wise) to handle the match. They were Joey Cur-

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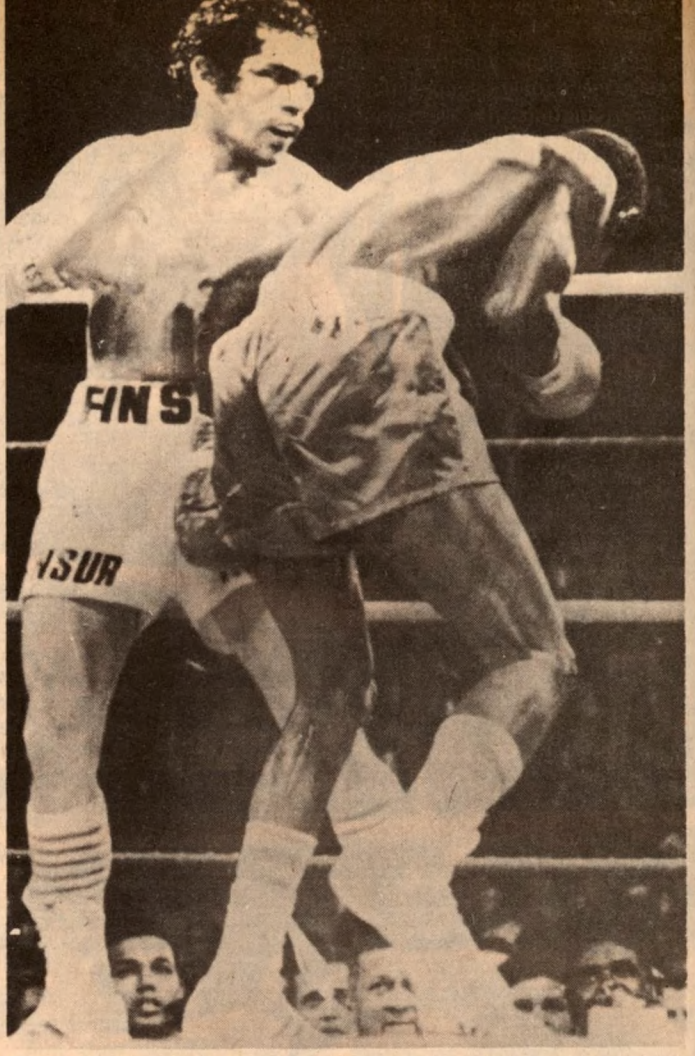
Antonio Cervantes of Columbia, left, gets set to throw a right to the jaw of Argentine challenger Carlos Mario Giminez in their junior welterweight world title bout at Maracaibo, Venezuela. Cervantes won on a TKO in the fifth round.

# CERVANTES WINS VACANT WBA JR. WELTER TITLE



Carlos Giminez, left, lands a left to body of Colombian Antonio "Kid Pambele" Cervantes in early stages of their title fight.

MARACAIBO, VENEZUELA—Antonio Cervantes regained his W.B.A. junior welterweight title when he stopped Carlos Giminez of Argentina in the sixth round.

Cervantes lost the title to Puerto Rico's Wilfred Benitez on March, 6, 1976, in San Juan. The W.B.A. stripped Benitez of the title for failure to go though with a rematch with Antonio.

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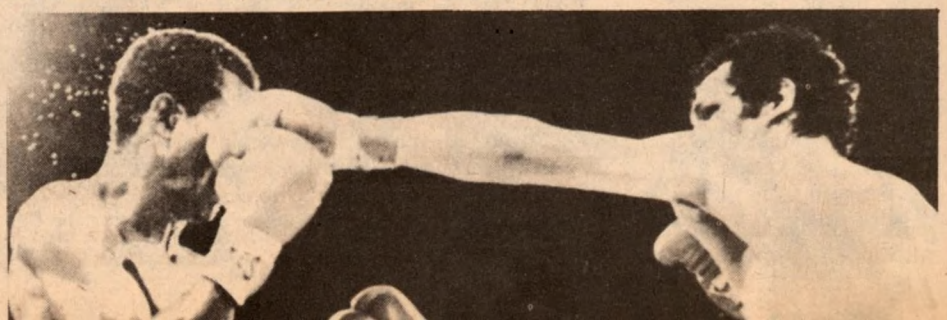
In the early action, Cervantes, of Columbia, shoots a long left (above) to the head of Giminez, of Argentina. (Below) The long range leather tossing continued as Giminez moved in with a long right which landed on Cervantes' gloves. (Left) Giminez just misses with left which landed on the shoulder of Cervantes.



The ring erupts in mass confusion as the locals protest the decision in favor of defending WBC Jr. welter champion Shengsak Muangsurin, of Thailand, at the close of the Madrid title bout. Perico Fernandez is from Spain.

# RIOT ERUPTS IN MUANGSURIN VS. FERNANDEZ TITLE GO

IN Madrid, southpaw Shengsak Muangsurin, Thailand, retained his WBC junior welterweight crown when he outscored local matador and European lightweight king Perico Fernandez, Spain, over fifteen rounds.

The locals felt Fernandez should have won, and when the verdict was announced they disposed of their beer cans by long range flight into the ring. One must have been loaded, for it caught referee Jay Edson, USA, on the head and decked him.

Due to a great deal of spoiling, the Spaniard was able to stay the full course. Fernandez had lost the title to Muangsurin back in July of 1974 in Bankok, retiring in the eighth round. Fernandez avoided a similar fate by clinching and hanging on the ropes, hands held in front of his face, a la Ali with his rope-a-dope.

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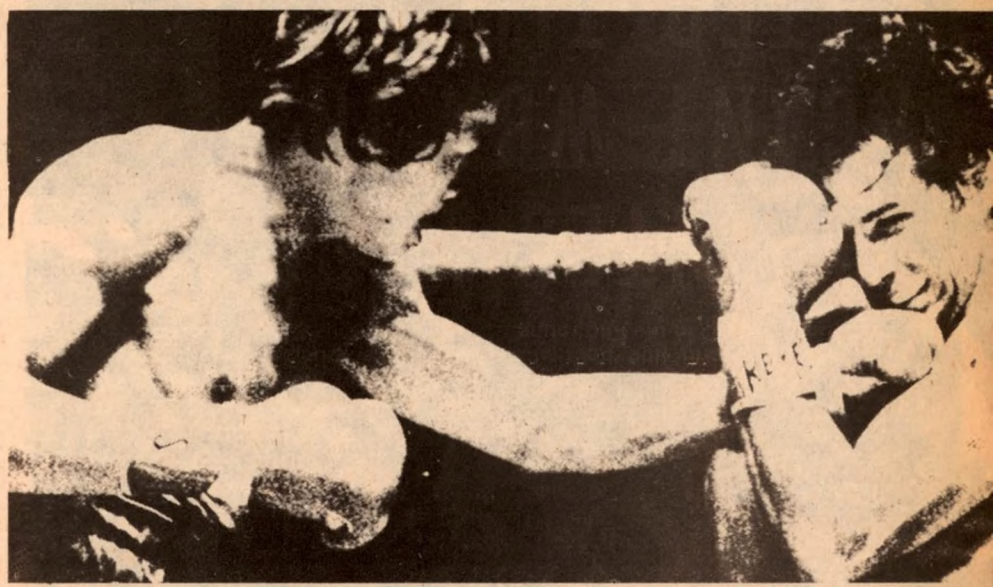
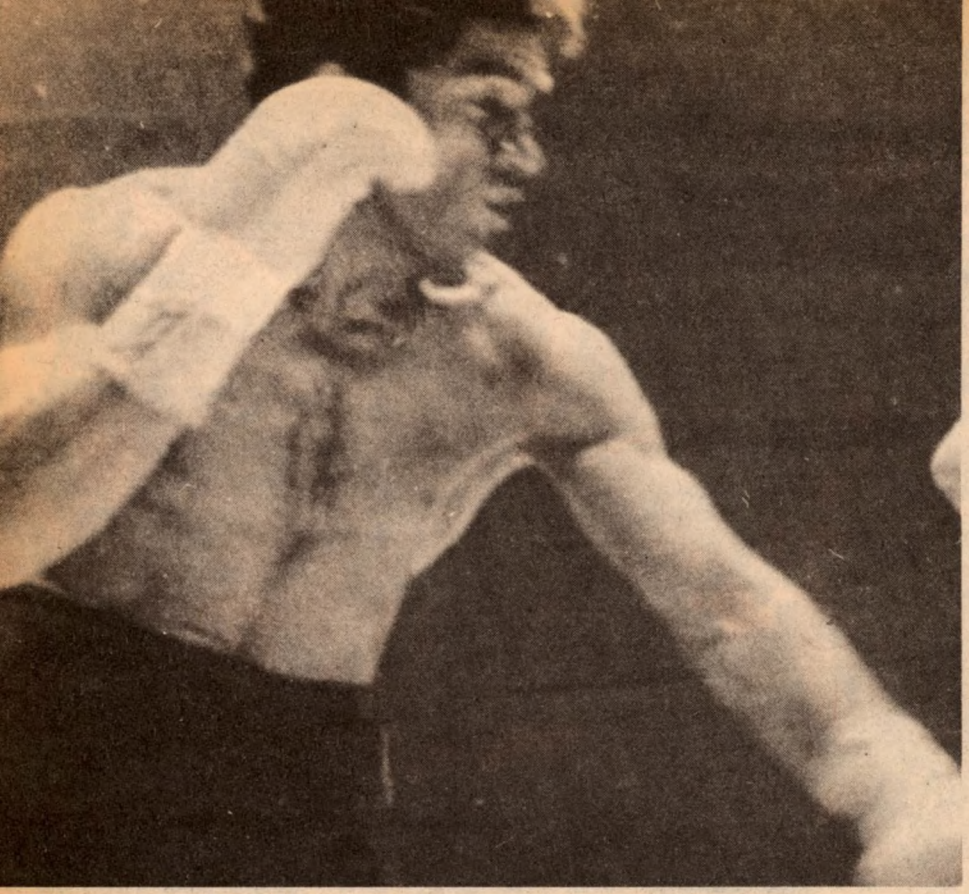


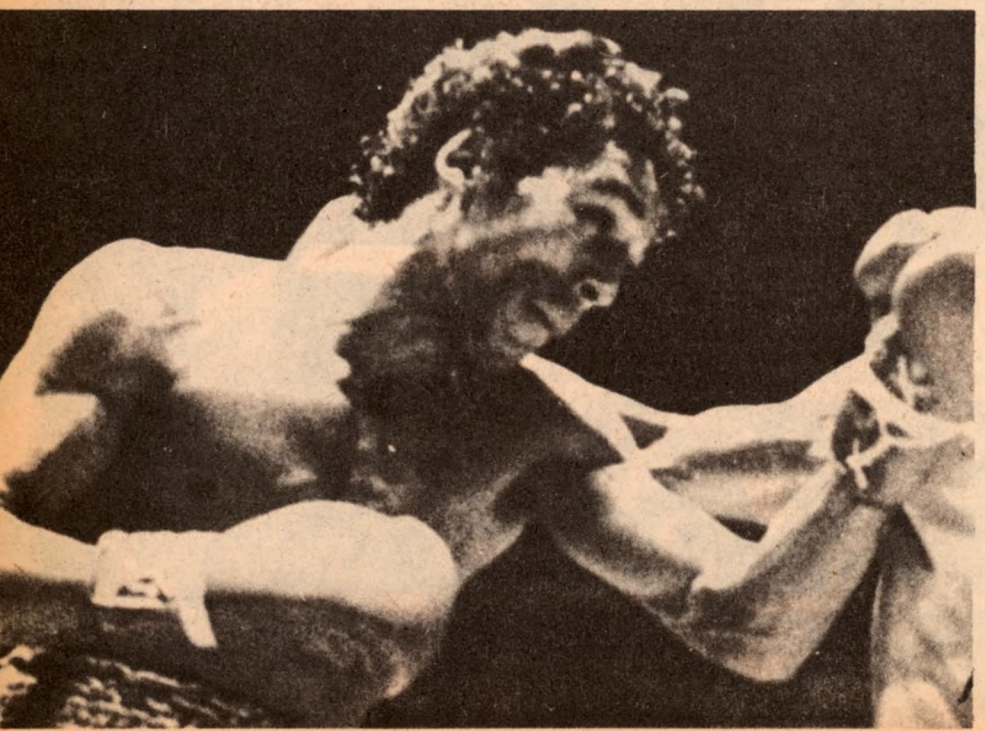
Ex-kick boxer Muangsurin slams a hard left into the face of challenger Perico Fernandez during second round action. It was Muangsurin's fight all the way, with the exception of rounds six and 15.



Venezuelan challenger Lionel Hernandez was never given much of a chance to wrest the title from Serrano.

# An Uncolorful But Good Serrano Retains Jr Light Title

**Junior lightweight king Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico, easily outpointed Hernandez over 15 rounds.**



**By RON TEGART**

PUERTO LA CRUZ, VENEZUELA—Puerto Rico's Samuel Serrano, 130, won a 15 round unanimous decision over local Lionel Hernandez, 130, in defense of his world junior lightweight title.

Serrano won the crown from Ben Villaflor on October 16, 1976, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Earlier that year Serrano had boxed a 15 round draw with Villaflor in Honolulu, Hawaii. Since he won the title Serrano has defended it against Alberto Herrera in Ecuador, making the Hernandezer bout his second defense.

Samuel holds two victories over W.B.C. king Alfredo Escalera, also from Puerto Rico. His record to date is 29-2-1, with 10, kayo's.

Hernandez, once the hotshot of Venezuela, is now going downhill, at least that's what the local papers had to say. His record is 30-5-0, with 17 knockouts.

This was the Venezuelan's second try at a title. He lost to Alexis Arguello on March 15, 1975, in a bid for the W.B.A. featherweight crown. His biggest win has been over former W.B.A. featherweight king Ernest Marcel in a fight before Ernest won the title.

The fight itself was transferred from Caracas to the resort city of Puerto La Cruz. The reason given was to help boost tourism in the city. Informed sources, however, say that the true reason for the switch was that the promoters feared that they would suffer serious financial losses, if the bout were held in Caracas. Sources say that there was not much interest in the bout because Hernandez, 29 years old, was considered over the hill and an unlikely challenger. Another reason for the switch was because the Antonio Cervantes-Carlos Giminez W.B.A. junior welter title bout was to be held in Caracas on the same date.

Serrano won the fight with no trouble. The first round when there was any chance for Hernandez. He landed a right hand which hurt Samuel, but the champ recovered to go on and give the local a boxing lesson for the

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# Gomez' KO Streak Now 18

**By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—"I didn't do too well. Missed my best punches. Maybe I overtrained," were the disappointing comments of a man who had just scored a five-round kayo to retain his super-bantam crown at the Roberto Clemente Stadium.

However Wilfredo Gomez had nothing to be ashamed of. He performed as best he could against an evasive and fleet-footed opponent and scored a five round kayo with a neat right hand uppercut to the body.

Raul Tirado was the man from Mexico, who came over to try and add his name to the long list of present Mexican titleholders by taking this recently created division title from Puerto Rico's newest and most charismatic idol. But Gomez had too many guns for his rangier opponent and added Tirado to his knockout streak which is now at eighteen.

Tirado came down with bantam champ Alfonso Zamora for moral support. But Zamora was possibly doing a little scouting on his own and the possibility exists that he may face Gomez at some future date. Or more probable, Puppy Hernandez, who looked well in scoring a decision over Famosito Gomez in the semifinal ten rounder of this card.

"If somebody puts up the right kind of money, I'll fight Hernandez, anytime and any place," stated Zamora with confidence. Adn confident he should be because he certainly can take Hernandez, who has already suffered a kayo against Wilfredo Gomez.

But what about Gomez? Is it true Zamora sidestepped a bout against the local titleholder?

"It was all a question of getting the guarantee that we asked for. That's why the fight never took place," stated Zamora. (Maybe Zamora should change his name to $amora).

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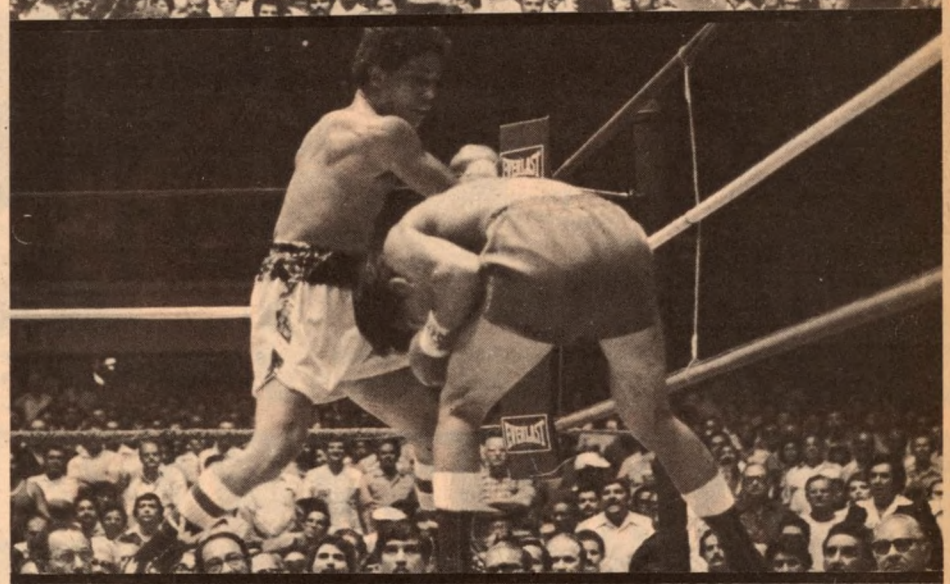
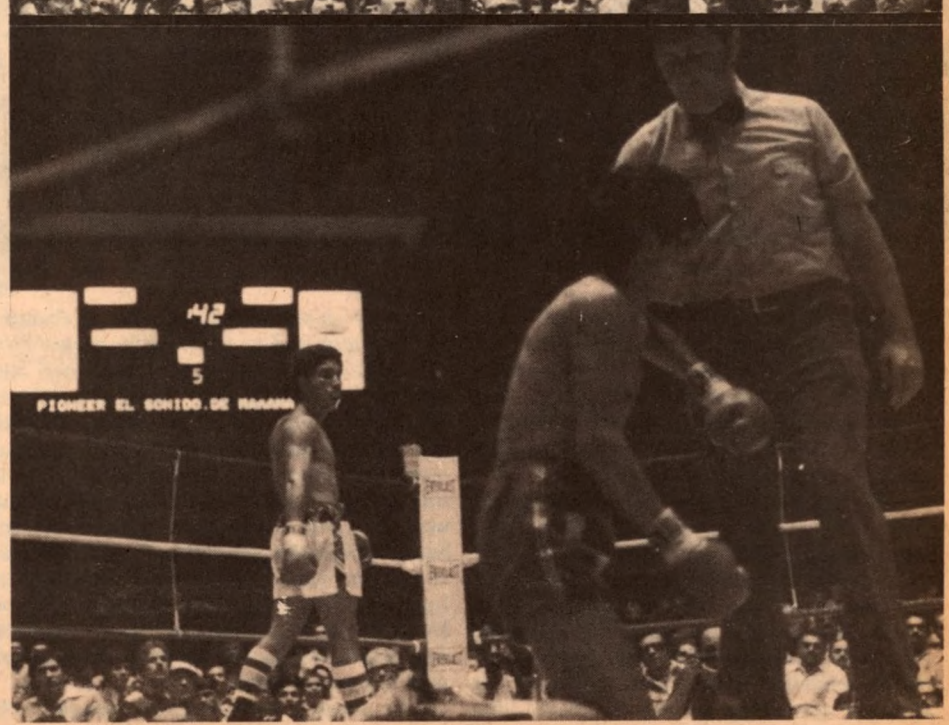
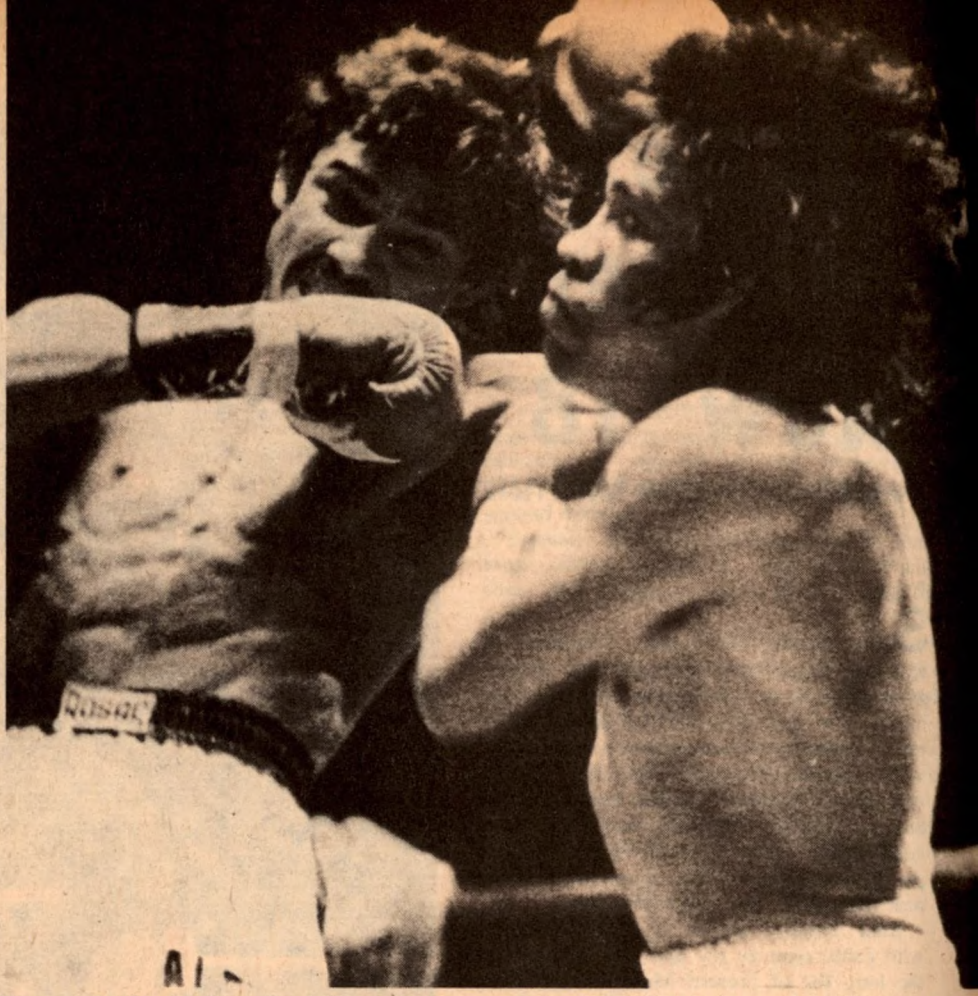





**(Top photo) Wilfredo Gomez reaches out with left as Raul Tirado backs out of range. (Middle photo) Tirado is bombarded in his own corner as Gomez finds punching range. In 42 seconds of the fifth (bottom), the referee tolled 10 as Tirado finished on one knee. Photos by Paquito Rivera.**

By GORDON PETERSON



Nicaragua's Alexis Arguello, left, en route to winning the WBA featherweight title via a 13th round Ko against Ruben Olivares on November 23, 1974, in Los Angeles.

# BENITEZ, ARGUELLO, STRIPPED OF WBA TITLES, TELL THEIR STORIES

THROUGHOUT the history of boxing there have been few instances when a champion has been stripped of his title. Sugar Ray Robinson was stripped of his middleweight crown when he refused to meet Paul Pender. The fight was subsequently made and he lost the decision. Charley Phil Rosenberg was stripped of his bantamweight title when he failed to make weight for a title bout. He flattened the opponent in the fourth round, peeled off his gloves and threw them at the judges, in disgust. Others include former welterweight champion Jose Napoles who was stripped of his title and regained it; Ishmael Laguna, former lightweight champion, who was tripped of his title before knocking out Mando Ramos; featherweight Clemente Sanchez, who was stripped when he couldn't make the weight the day of the fight, and Bob Foster, who was stripped as recognized light heavyweight champion when he fought for the heavyweight championship. There were numerous times when a champion gave up his title to fight for the title in other weight divisions, but few were stripped of their titles.

There are currently two fighters who were stripped of their titles, former world Jr. welterweight champion Wilfred Benitez and former World Boxing Association featherweight champion Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua. Benitez was stripped of his title by the WBA when he was given two weeks to recuperate from a car accident to fight Antonio Cervantes (Kid Pambele), the man from whom he had taken the title on March 6, 1976.

"We were more than happy to give Pambele another shot at the title," said Benitez' father and manager Gregorio. "Unfortunately, Wilfred was involved in an accident and broke his chin. He also fractured some ribs when the steering wheel was pushed into his chest by the impact," he added.

"We were given two weeks to get ready or give up the title," Gregorio continued. "How can you heal a broken chin and fractured ribs in two weeks?

"Instead of the W.B.A. giving us a month, we got two weeks," the elder Benitez said. "It just doesn't make any sense." When reminded that a great many things boxing's governing bodies do make little sense, he replied, "Maybe so, but what's fair is fair."

Benitez, a colorful Puerto Rican champion, is determined to get his title back. "We will meet again soon I hope," he says. "But Pambele is ducking me. When the fight is off, he talks big. Now I am ready to knock him out, and he is running scared."

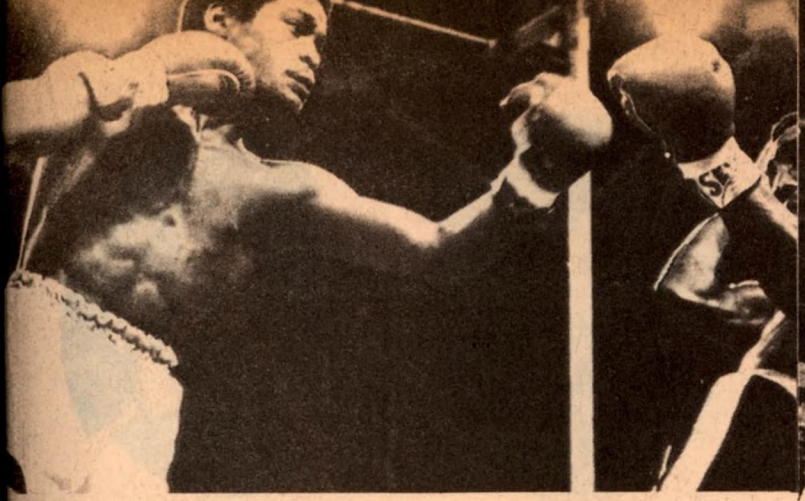
According to Ring magazine, Benitez is still the Jr. welterweight champion of the world. "I am in condition to fight anyone, but it is hard to get fights," said Wilfred. His father agrees: "We were supposed to fight on a Don King show in Puerto Rico on June 20, but he couldn't sell it to television so I pulled Wilfred off the card. He must get paid like a champion.

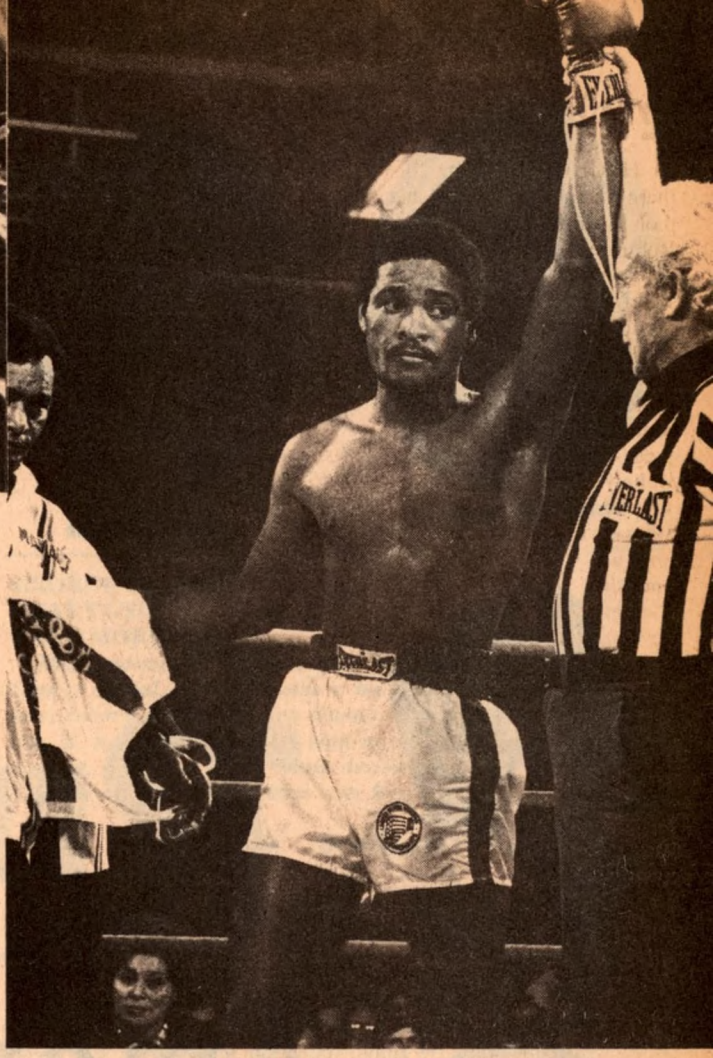
The former champion has fought only twice since being stripped of his title; an eight round decision over Mel Dennis in the ill-fated United States Boxing Championships held in the Marion Correctional facility and a draw with Harold Weston in Madison Square Garden last March.

"Wilfred is conditioned to fight many different opponents, but we are having trouble with people coming up with the right money for us to fight," Gregorio said.

"Madison Square Garden is trying to make some matches for us," he continued, "but outside of the heavyweights, money is pretty tight in boxing right now.

"Some people in Mexico were trying to make Wilfred with Pepino Cueva, but they couldn't come up with the money," Gregorio says. "We are interested in fighting





**(Above) Wilfred Benitez, Puerto Rico, dethroned Jr. welter champ Antonio "Kid Pambele" Cervantes on March 6, 1976, in San Juan, to become the youngest world champ in boxing history. (Right) Benitez' arm is raised in victory.**

**Alexis Arguello, getting ready for a sparring session, said he intends to annex the Jr. lightweight and lightweight titles.**

anyone, Palomino, Cervantes, anybody, but the money has to be there. When you are as good in the ring as Wilfred is, it is hard to find a worthy opponent."

The elder Benitez noted, "We are very hungry to fight the so-called champion Cervantes, but where is he now? Why isn't he opening his mouth now?

"He will drive himself mad thinking about Wilfred, knowing that he won't really be the champion unless they fight again and he wins decisively."

Wilfred, who lets his father do most of the talking, said, "I don't want to get involved in all of the reasons this has happened, I just want to fight Pambele and get it over with. There is no way he is going to beat me."

Before his fight with Weston, a questionable draw according to most observers, Benitez had won 26 fights in a row and had become a world champion at 17. The most apparent factor in all this is his attitude, one of seemingly detached coolness. "Did you see the Cervantes fight on television"? Gregorio asks. "He was as cool as I have ever seen him. He doesn't worry about any opponent; he leaves that to me.

"The draw with Weston was a fluke, Wilfred was way ahead in the fight. There is no way it was a draw." Gregorio concluded.

Gregorio, a wise, careful businessman who knows the value of his fighter, is a demanding negotiator, a factor that has probably cost his son several fights. "If the money is not there, what's the point of going ahead with it. He brought a lot of people into Madison Square Garden the first time. He gives the people their money's worth," Gregorio says.

There was some talk of a proposed match at the Garden between Benitez and Roberto Duran, the lightweight champion. It would be a non-title fight, but it is highly doubtful it would ever come off. "Carlos Eleta (Duran's manager) was taken advantage of by Brenner once," says another manager, "I don't think he would deal with Teddy if he were the last matchmaker on earth."

For Wilfred Benitez times are frustrating, but if the money is there, he is prepared to fight anybody anytime. "I want my title back, it's as simple as that," he says. "It's a title I never should have had taken away from me."

Another title holder who found it missing one day is former World Boxing Association featherweight champion Alexis Arguello, considered by many to be the heir apparent to lightweight champion Roberto Duran's title. "Arguello is the only guy who can punch like Duran, and he would have his stinging jab in Duran's face all night long." said one veteran observer. "I think Arguello

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John Berry

Sammy Masias

Scotty "Golden Boy" Clark

Jimmy Corkum

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# American Prospects 1977

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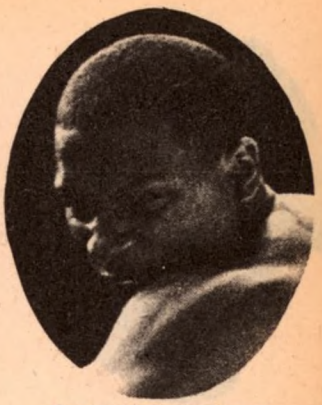

Ozzie "Jaws" Ocasio

**JOHN BERRY**
**HEAVYWEIGHT**
**WASHINGTON D.C.**

*Underrated heavyweight who turned pro in 1972. He kayoed Eddie Byrd in one, won his next five including a kayo win over Johnny Gause. Stopped in one by Don Branch at the end of 1973. Inactive 1974, came back in 1975, lost a six round nod to Wendell Bailey. Won his last two bouts in 1975, inactive 1976.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO'S | KOBY |
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| 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 |

**KENNY BRISTOL**
**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT**
**NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.**

*Kenny started his pro career on October 22, 1976, in New York City with a four nod over John Locicero. November of the same year he outpointed Nate Dixon, who drew with Mike Rossman. In 1977 he engaged in three bouts, winning all. Bristol outpointed Bob Patterson, 6; Reuben Lopez, 8 and Angel Ortiz in 10. Won 1975 Pan-American Games, Silver Medal, welter division.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**AL CAMPBELL**
**WELTERWEIGHT**
**NEW ORLEANS, LA.**

*Campbell opened his career in August of 1976. He scored two wins that month, beating Larry Baskin in 4 and kayoing Larry Rayford in 1. In 1977 he went to the post three times, winning all via the kayo route. Campbell wins: Rene Pagan, 5, and Dennis Haggerty, 3. Dennis holds wins over Tony Gardner and Rolando Garcia, 2.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**JEFF CHANDLER**
**BANTAMWEIGHT**
**PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

*A rare man to be boxing on the East Coast. Jeff boxes as both a flyweight and bantam. There are not many men for him to box in Philly. Turned pro in 1976, won six in a row after an open draw with Mike Dowling. Some of his wins: Pee Wee Stokes, John Glover, Chico Vivas, Larry Huffin and Fernando Sanchez.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

**GEORGE CHAPLIN**
**HEAVYWEIGHT**
**BALTIMORE, MD.**

*This undefeated heavy began his career in 1976. George scored three kayo wins in his first three bouts. He beat Johnny Blaine, 2; Ken Hunter, 1 and Matt Robinson, 6. Robinson is the only man to go the distance with George. Matt lost a six round decision in a return go. Chaplin's last win was a kayo over Bob Smith.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**SCOTT CLARK**
**WELTERWEIGHT**
**ORLANDO, FLA.**

*Born on August 17, 1958. Began his pro career on May 25, 1976, in Orlando, Fla., outpointing Tiger Hall over four rounds. His next eight bouts he won seven via kayo and lost a decision to Jimmy Owens. Since the Owens defeat, Scott has run off 10 in a row, his last over Canadian Yves Charlotin.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 15 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 |

**JIMMY CORKUM**
**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT**
**BROCKTON, MASS.**

*So far in Jimmy's ten bout career, only two men have gone the distance with him, Jose Ortiz, July 20, 1976, and Ivelaw Eastman, June 27, 1977, at Danvers, Mass. This undefeated tiger has stopped the other eight men: Roland Sigman,4; Jim Lahey, 4; Willie Davis, 1; Bob Santos, 2; Lahey again, 2; Leo DiFiore, 2; Beau Jaynes, 6, and Joe Henry, 4.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 |

**KENNY CROOMS**
**WELTERWEIGHT**
**LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**

*Started in 1976 in Las Vegas with a one round knockout over Kenny Sheppard. Moved to Los Angeles for 1977. Started the year off with a five round nod over Leni Vanisi, then pulled off an upset with a six round decision over Johnny Sullivan. In his last outing, Ken scored his first kayo victory, halting Dario Quintas in three.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Milton "Black Widow" Owens

Billy Pearish

Aaron Pryor

Frankie Santore

**BRUCE CURRY**
**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT**
**LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**

*Bruce is undefeated in 11 bouts so far, and has scored two major victories to date. He outpointed Rafael Rodriguez over 11 rounds, in Jersey City, N.J., and kayoed the Philippine's Rudy Barro in eight. He has boxed in Japan and Monte Carlo, kayoing Buffalo Suzuki in Tokyo and decisioning Antonio Merlo in Monte Carlo.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

**ANTHONY DANIELS**
**WELTERWEIGHT**
**FAIRMONTH, W. VA.**

*Undefeated in 13 bouts since he turned pro on August 10, 1974, with a four round nod over Walter Riley. Anthony holds a college degree in General Business at Morristown Jr. College, in Tenn. Anthony won the West Virginia welter title on March 13, 1977. He halted Abb Starr, in three.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |

**EDDIE DAVIS**
**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT**
**BROOKLYN, N.Y.**

*Born October 5, 1951, in Dillon, S.C. Son of a sharecropper, left home at the age of 18 to come to New York City to begin a boxing career. Started pro in 1975, stopping Otis Gordon in two rounds. The only blot on his record is a ten round draw with Mario Rosa.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |

**HOWARD DAVIS**
**LIGHTWEIGHT**
**NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.**

*The 1976 Olympic 132 pound champion in Montreal, Canada. He won the title by beating Simion Cutov, of Romania, 5-0 decision. To date he has engaged in four pro bouts, winning them all: Carlos Gonzalez, Jose Resto, Ricky Craney and last his biggest, Dom Monaco. All his bouts have been on National T.V.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

**JIMMY FARRELL**
**FEATHERWEIGHT**
**ROCKLAND, MASS.**

*Born August 4, 1954. Won the 1975 New England AAU bantamweight championship. Began his Pro career on November 21, 1975, with a four round nod over Dan Tratzinski. He has won 14 out of 15. The other being a draw with Bobby Castaneda, whom he later defeated. This year he is two for two, his last being Hilberto Sanchez.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |

**BRUCE FINCH**
**WELTERWEIGHT**
**MILWAUKEE, WISC.**

*Been boxing for four years, but only had five bouts. Bruce won four and has one draw, the draw being in his pro debut on September 25, in Milwaukee against Jeff Morgan. 1974 he engaged in one bout, a five round decision over Gary Holmgren. 1975 he scored two kayo wins, Candy Smith and Robert Williams. Inactive 1976. One bout 1977, a one round kayo over Charles Walters.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |

**GARY GUIDEN**
**MIDDLEWEIGHT**
**INDIANAPOLIS, IND.**

*Born Muncie, Indiana, August 24, 1955. Started boxing in Indianapolis on April 17, 1975. He kayoed Candy Smith in two rounds. He lost his second bout to Ernie Davies. Won his next twelve before being stopped in two by a Texan named Don Melancon. Since then he has won five straight. Two big wins, Sammy NeSmith and Nick Ortiz.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 1 |

**BOB HAZELTON**
**HEAVYWEIGHT**
**LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**

*Still a prospect after being in boxing since 1969. He was thrown in with the likes of George Foreman, Steve Carter, Jose Luis Garcia and Ray White after only five pro bouts. He was inactive from 1970-1974, except for one bout. Since his return to the ring in 1975, he has won 11 and lost one, kayoing 11. This year he beat Al Boldon and Manuel Ramos, to name two.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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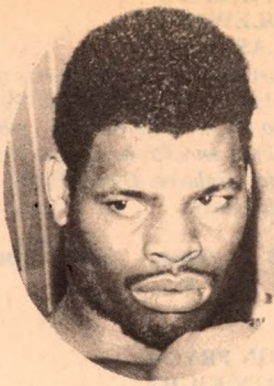
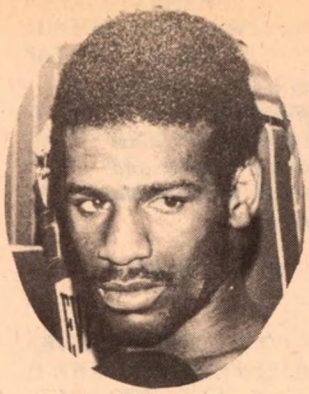
| 19 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 11 | 4 |

Ernie Singletary



Leon Spinks



Michael Spinks

Tom Sullivan

**AL HOGAN**
**HEAVYWEIGHT**
**NEW ORLEANS, LA.**

*This two hundred pounder has been knocking around since 1974 and managed to get into only nine bouts. Al won his first three contests before being defeated by Nat Gates in Tampa, May 19, 1975. Since then he has won six in a row, four via the kayo route. Some of the names: Charles Atlas, Peter Francis and Carl Baker.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 |

**SYLVESTER "BUMP" KELLY**
**HEAVYWEIGHT**
**CHARLOTTE, S.C.**

*Nobody ever heard of Mr. Kelly until he came to Landover, Md., to box then undefeated heavyweight Lou Esa, on the Muhammad Ali-Jimmy Young undercard. This was supposed to be another win for Esa, but turned into a fourth round knockout upset by Kelly. Since then he has boxed twice, winning both. He is undefeated.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

**SUGAR RAY LEONARD**
**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT**
**PALMER PARK, MD.**

*Another 1976 Olympic Gold Medal Winner. Ray won the 140 pound championship with a 5-0 decision over Cuba's Andres Aldama in Montreal. He turned pro on February 5, 1977, with a six round nod over Jose Resto. Ray also holds wins over Willie Rodriguez, a six round decision, and a three round kayo over Vinnie DeBarros.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

**JOHNNY LIRA**
**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT**
**LAS VEGA, NEV.**

*This undefeated Las Vegas boxer turned pro in November of 1976. He kayoed Genard Gloria in four. Only three men have gone the distance with him: Tony Terraciano, Jimmy Ligons and Victor Hernandez, whom he later kayoed. Johnny comes from Chicago, Ill., but only boxes in Las Vegas. Other wins: Allen Gantt, Nacho Casteneda and Miguel Estrada.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 |

**REUBEN LOPEZ**
**MIDDLEWEIGHT**
**WARMINSTER, PA.**

*Born May 28, 1957, Lopez started as a pro on August 28, 1975, in Allentown, Pa. Won his first four bouts via four round decisions. Then won his next four via the kayo route in 1976. This year his streak was stopped by Ken Bristol, via an eight round nod in New York. He beat Ray Davis in his other bout this year.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 10 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**ROCKY McCALEB**
**HEAVYWEIGHT**
**MIAMI, FLA.**

*This undefeated heavy started his pro career in Miami Beach, Fla. He won his first two by kayo's in July of 1976. Rocky halted Larry Karajalia and Don Samuels, both in two. 1977 started off with a four round decision over Tracy Steele. His last outing was a four rounder over Walt Burkhart.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

**TONY McMINN**
**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT**
**QUAPAW, OKLA.**

*Started boxing in the Midwest in May of 1976. He won his first bout via one round kayo, and then in turn was stopped in three in his second pro contest. 1977, so far, is the year of the kayo for Tony. In six bouts he has won five via kayo and lost one in the same way.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 2 |

**SAMMY MASIAS**
**WELTERWEIGHT**
**MIAMI, FLA.**

*Another good looking boy from the land of the sun. Won his first four bouts by kayo. He knocked out Jose Gonzalez, James Hughes, Don Collins and Billy Vassar. Born November 23, 1952, San Antonio, Texas. He won the Florida Golden Gloves welterweight titles in 1973-1974. 1977 record is 3-1-1, his only loss to Scott Clark.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 |

**ED MODICUE**
**WELTERWEIGHT**
**FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

*This undefeated Texas boy has been a pro since October 7, 1976. During '76 he boxed five times, twice in October and three times in November. Some of his wins: Gilbert Galvan, Simmie Black. Ronnie Adams and Philip Sotello. 1977 he boxed twice in May, knocking out both Trini Hernandez and Dennis Haggerty.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

**OZZIE "JAWS" OCASIO**
**HEAVYWEIGHT**
**PUERTO RICO**

*This big puncher has knocked out all but one of the men he has fought. Ed Turner went the distance with him on July 17, 1976, eight rounds. He kayoed Turner in a return seven months later. Some of the kayo wins: Frank Schram, Roy Morris, Gene Idoletti, Joe Rene and Aaron Solomon.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |

**MILTON "BLACK WIDOW" OWENS**
**MIDDLEWEIGHT**
**ORLANDO, FLA.**

*Born on September 26, 1954, Owen's a southpaw and is undefeated. Began his career in 1975, one bout, six round nod over Henry Mitchell. Since then he has beaten such fighters as Jose Gonzalez, Eddie Davis, Johnny Evans, twice, Sammy Barr (who drew with Elisha Obed) and Rennie Pinder.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

**BILLY PEARISH**
**LIGHTWEIGHT**
**JOPLIN, MO.**

*Had an amateur record of 127-13, but never won a Golden Gloves title. Turned Pro in 1976, engaged in seven bouts, winning all, six via knockouts. Began 1977 on the wrong foot, being halted by Sammy Taylor in three. Since then Billy has won three out of three. His last, a four round knockout over Duke Garcia.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 1 |

**FELIX PEREZ**
**LIGHTWEIGHT**
**BRONX, N.Y.**

*Began his career in 1974, winning five in a row, three of these in New York and two in Portland, Me. 1975 started with a four round draw with Art Rosa, after which he ran off eight straight to date. Some of the wins: Dan Daniels, Louis Rivera, Mike Vasquez, Ahmet Tosic, Jim Roan and Celia Romero.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 14 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 |

**RAY PHILLIPS**
**MIDDLEWEIGHT**
**DALLAS, TEXAS**

*Undefeated in eleven starts, this boy has been boxing since 1975 when he beat Joe Parson over four rounds in his pro debut. A fine boxer with fair power, he's scored only three knockouts so far. His kayo's have been over some fair fighters: David Tynes, Alfonso Aguirre and Dennis Haggarty.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

**AARON PRYOR**
**LIGHTWEIGHT**
**CINCINNATI, OHIO**

*This boy won the 1976 National Golden Gloves lightweight title in Miami, Fla. He outpointed Thomas Hearns. He lost in the finals of the 1975 Pan American Games to Chris Clark of Canada. Aaron lost a close nod to Howard Davis in the 1976 Olympic trials. As a pro he is undefeated, scoring four kayo's in five bouts.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**DAVID RAMAHLO**
**FLYWEIGHT**
**LOWELL, MASS.**

*This 18-year-old tiger is rare indeed, a flyweight boxing on the East Coast. The promoters have managed to find him ten men to box, two of them twice. David has beaten them all, names like Pedro Martinez, Juan Sanchez, Ben Ali, twice, Heribert Sanchez, twice, George Michel and George Butts.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

**MATT ROSS**
**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT**
**LAWRENCE, MASS.**

*Another fine undefeated New Englander. Matt turned pro on June 2, 1976, at Portland, Me., when he outpointed Mike Benoit over four. That year he was six for six, with two ko's. This year he has kayoed Otis Gordon in five, Barry Proctor in one and beaten Dave Adkins in ten.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**FRANK SANTORE**
**LIGHTWEIGHT**
**MELBOURNE, FLA.**

*Santore had one bout in 1973 and 1974, two in 1975. Frank lost in 1974, drew the first in 1973 and won the two in 1975. He started for real in 1976. He engaged in 15 bouts, winning 13 and dropping 2. 1977 has been good to him. Frank is five out of five. Some wins: Jose Medrano, Roberto Tijerini and Yves Charlotin.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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**ERNIE SINGLETARY**
**MIDDLEWEIGHT**
**PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

*Another boy who finds it tough to get bouts in his native Philadelphia. Turned Pro on October 24, 1974, in Wilmington, Del., kayoing Tim Kirk in one. 1975, engaged in four bouts, two in Philly, winning all. The last two years he has gone to the post only twice, outpointing both Tyrone Phelps, 6, and James Parks in 10.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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**KEVIN SMITH**
**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT**
**JERSEY CITY, N.J.**

*With Smith it's a kayo either way. So far in his two year career, all his bouts have ended via kayo, seven out of the eight in his favor. His only defeat was a one round kayo at the hands of Otis Gordon on the under-card of Ali-Norton show in September 1976. He kayoed Gordon in a return 10 months later.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 1 |

**LEON SPINKS**
**HEAVYWEIGHT**
**ST. LOUIS, MO.**

*The heavier of the Spinks boys. 1976 Olympic 179 pound champion, stopped Sixto Soria of Cuba. Also 1976 National AAU light heavy king and 1975 Pan American light heavyweight champion. Started pro with a kayo win over Bob Smith. Since then he's had three bouts, winning all via kayo: Peter Freeman, Bruce Scott and Pedro Agosta.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**MICHAEL SPINKS**
**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT**
**ST. LOUIS, MO.**

*The other half of the fighting Spinks boys. Mike won the 1976 Olympic Gold Medal in the middleweight division. He halted USSR's Rufat Riskievin, three. Mike won the National Golden Gloves middleweight title in Miami, Fla. His pro career is three bouts and three wins, the last a two round kayo over Joe Borden.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

**GREG STEPHENS**
**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT**
**SAN DIEGO, CALIF.**

*This kayo killer started boxing in his native San Diego in April of this year. He boxed all five bouts in San Diego. Greg has scored five kayo wins to remain undefeated at this time. Some of the fighters he has beaten: Bert Lee, Ken Sheppard, Larry Myers, Ricky Gibbs and Ted Sanders.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

**ARCADIO "PEE WEE" SUAREZ**
**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT**
**NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.**

*Arcadio is the name he likes to be called by, "Pee Wee" makes him fighting mad. So! Arcadio began his career in March of 1976, when he kayoed Dr. Richard Novick in one. His next five bouts were all in New York State, four in the City and one upstate in Utica. Some of his wins: Neil Floyd, Seymond Sheppard and Julio Chevalier.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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| 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**JOHNNY SULLIVAN**
**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT**
**PORTLAND, ORE.**

*Half of another brother act in boxing along with light heavyweight Tommy Sullivan. John was the runner-up in the 1976 National AAU welterweight division. A boxer-puncher, boxed pro for the first time on February 12, 1977, a three round knockout over Les Vegas. Other wins, Fred Lara, twice, and C.J. Brown. His only loss, Ken Croom.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

**TOMMY SULLIVAN**
**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT**
**PORTLAND, ORE.**

*The older of the two Sullivans. Tommy was in the 1976 National Golden Gloves in Miami, Fla. He was stopped by Lamont Kirkland in the semi-final round. Won his first five pro bouts via knockout. He stopped Paul Guyness, Les Vegas, El Amin, Al Newman and Leroy Danforth. His only defeat was to Danny Brewer.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 |

**WILLIAM WHIPPLE**
**FEATHERWEIGHT**
**YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**

*This undefeated boy started his career on October 27, 1976, in Clevland, Ohio, with a six round nod over Harvey Wilson. He has boxed all his bouts so far in Cleveland and Lorain, Ohio. Holds wins over Ringo Carrington, Cletus Hayes, Wardel Warden and Eddie Rivera. He has scored three kayo wins in five contests.*

| TB | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's | KOBY |
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French middleweight king Gratien Tonna, seen right in action against Bob Payton, has run into trouble lately outside the ring, but still has a chance to make his mark in boxing.

# European Boxers To Be Heard From

By JACK A. TREE

PROBABLY the most promising heavyweight in Europe today is 22-year-old **Alfredo Evangelista** of Spain, who earlier this year was catapulted into world fame when he was beaten by world champion Muhammed Ali. He is the official challenger to the European champion, Lucien Rodriguez, of France. One black spot on Evangelista's record is a points defeat in January last by Italian Lorenzo Zanon.

Germany, without a European heavyweight champion since 1972, is giving a great deal of publicity to a new face, **George Butzbach,** who has won all of his six pro bouts. It's a little early to project how far Butzbach will go at this state, but in Germany today, where boxing has hit rock bottom (with the exception of WBC junior middle champion, Eckhard Dagge), one must be thankful for small mercies.

In the light heavyweight division, **Mate Parlov,** of Yugoslavia, rules the waves. As an amateur he was world champion in 1974, Olympic Gold Medal winner in 1972 and European champion in 1971 and 1973. Born on November 16, 1948, he is undefeated since turning professional in May 1975.

With thirteen fights he became champion of Europe on July 10 last year, and has since made successful defenses against Aldo Traversaro and Francois Fiol. His next challenger is Harold Skog of Norway.

**Francois Fiol,** a Spaniard based in Switzerland, is worthy of note. He beat German champion Leo Kakolewicz in a title eliminator and then lost on points to champion Mate Parlov. At the start of the year Fiol had lost only one of his eighteen starts.

**Michel Dylbaitys** of France, who beat Yannick Dufour earlier this season, will be giving some of the fighters in his division a headache in the near future. A recent setback for Dylbaitys was a defeat by the French champion Robert Amory.

Frenchman **Gratien Tonna** needs no introduction, for he is no longer a prospect but world class, having met Rodrigo Valdes and Carlos Monzon, the WBC and WBA world champions. Tonna is the challenger for Alan Minter's European crown, although there was a strong protest from Germany. The Frenchman has had a bad spell outside the ring, getting involved in a shooting incident and running down a policeman with his car. Jean Mateo, France, looked a world champion candidate or at least all set for a European title until he met Tonna for the French title and got himself ko'ed in round two. A rest, and now Matoe is picking up the pieces and making progress again.

Belgium has a middleweight hope named **Michel Stini.** A loss to Shako Mamba, the guy who once gave German Eckhard Dagge a tough bout, should not effect the Belgian's future, which looks promising.

Promoter Willi Zeller's son, **Rene Zeller,** 19, has the makings of a champion. Only one taste of defeat so far as a professional, Rene is able to spar daily with WBC champion, Eckhard Dagge. Rene has booked four wins this year and also found time to train in Los Angeles together with stablemate Dagge under their American trainer, Henry Davis.

The junior middleweight division is very strong in Europe with Dagge ruling as WBC

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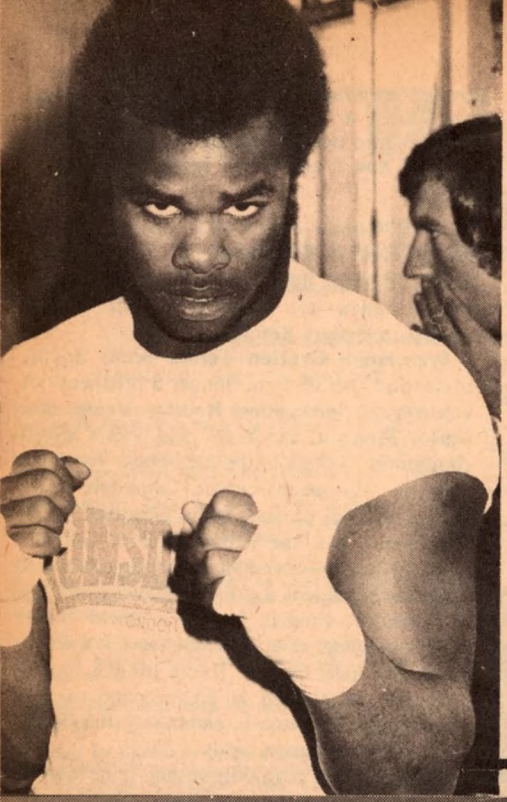
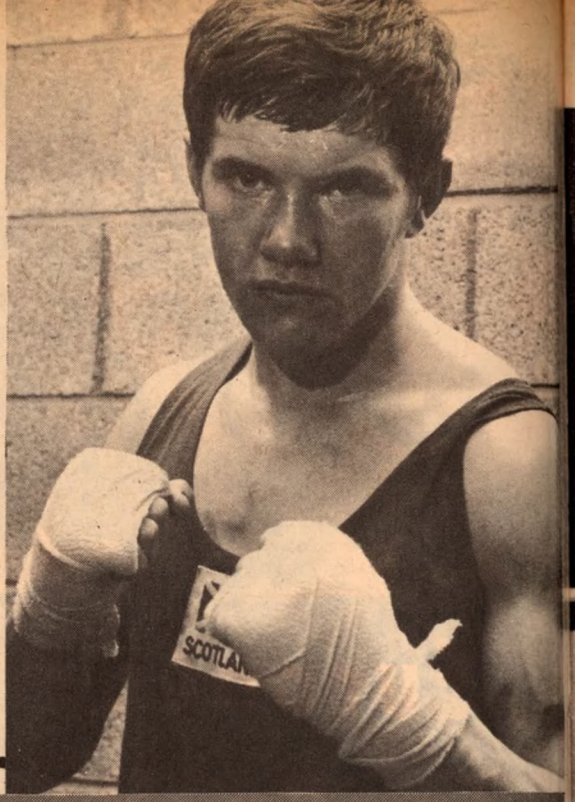
Heavyweight Alfredo Evangelista was recently brought to world attention when he faced and lost to Muhammad Ali, but he may just have tackled the big man too soon.



(Left) Jamaican-born Kirland Laing has remained undefeated over his 13 pro contests. A welterweight, Kirkland is a skillful boxer rather than a puncher.

(Right) Scotland's Eddie Burke won last year's amateur middleweight title before turning pro. To date, Eddie has won all eight of his pro bouts, all but one inside the distance.



RON OLVER

# TOP BRITISH PROSPECTS SHINE IN ALL DIVISIONS

Politics and sport shouldn't mix. But unfortunately they do—often. One victim was lightweight **Cornelius Boza,** who was living in England but was invited to represent Uganda in the last Olympic Games, only for that country to withdraw from the Games before the boxing started.

Now 21, Boza is the best professional prospect in Britain at any weight, and has been going through the opposition like a knife through hot butter.

Boza started boxing as an amateur at the age of eight in Kampala, where Englishman Jack Edwards was instructing the local club. When President Amin took over in Uganda, Jack came home, but he hadn't forgotten Boza. Jack wrote to the lad, asking if he'd like to come and live with him in England, and Boza's parents thought this was a wonderful idea. He arrived in 1974, and Jack is his guardian. As a tribute to his first mentor, Cornelius took the ring-name of Boza-Edwards, and to date he has won all his nine contests, and all inside schedule.

Promoter/matchmaker Mickey Duff was the one who spotted Boza's potential and signed him up. George Francis is his trainer, and says he has never met a fighter with more enthusiasm. Francis notes that Boza never wants to leave the gym and is very quick to pick up points.

As an amateur he represented England against America and West Germany, winning both his bouts. He also reached the final of the British amateur championships.

He and Jack live at Harrow, and Boza has been taking a catering course at the local College of Further Education for two-and-a-half years, with the aim of obtaining a diploma.

Among those Boza has disposed of this year are Tommy Wright, Danny Connolly, George McGurk, Godfrey Butler, Billy Vivian, Tommy Glencross and Mario Oliviera. AND NONE OF THEM HAVE LASTED LONGER THAN TWO ROUNDS. Present British rating, No. 7.

It is difficult to define a "prospect," but I would think that any boxer who has not taken part in a national title fight, and is 22 or under, with a total number of bouts not exceeding 20, would qualify.

This brings in Jamaican-born **Kirkland Laing,** who is 22 and has had 13 contests, remaining unbeaten. He comes from Nottingham, but prefers to travel to London for training under Terry Lawless, who also looks after former world champ John Stracey and current triple champion Maurice Hope.

In 1972 Kirkland was only 17 when he won the British amateur featherweight title, and he had a good apprenticeship before turning pro three years later. He is now a welter, and has had six bouts which have given him plenty of confidence in his native Nottingham. This year he's had two in Wolverhampton, outpointing John Smith and drawing with Peter Morris.

Kirkland is a skillful boxer, but has four inside-schedule wins to his credit. His only bout at a major London hall was last year, when he outscored Oscar Angus at the Albert Hall. There's plenty of time. Present British rating, No. 5.

Seventeen fights at 19 years of age, and all of them victories. That's the proud record of Leicester middleweight **Tony Sibson.** Managed by Carl Gunns, Tony has been restricted to promotions in the Midlands, with just one appearance in Liverpool, and Carl's policy seems to have borne fruit.

More often than not, the best young pro prospects have had notable amateur careers, but Tony is an exception. True, he did achieve an international appearance for Young England, but his overall record was

**(Right) Cornelius Boza-Edwards is perhaps the best professional prospect in Britain in any weight class. Boza, originally from Uganda, has easily handled all his opponents to date.**

unspectacular.

He turned professional last year, and has proved that he can both box and punch.

Carl had this to say: "I would have preferred him to have been a little taller and perhaps thicker in the legs. I've kept him busy because I believe he can learn much more in the ring than in the gym, and I've matched him carefully.

"We're not thinking about titles, or even eliminators. There's plenty of time for him to tackle the rated men in the Top Ten."

Seems a sound policy, and "Sibbo," as he is affectionately known, has a large following. He can produce the "big one," as witness his 59-second knockout over Gareth Tashy Jones at Digbeth last February, but most of his contests have gone the distance, and recent victories include Tony Burnett (twice), Roy Gumbs, Steve Walker, Sunny Kamunga, with a stoppage win over Bonny McKenzie. Present British rating, No. 6.

Electrical fitter **Eddie Burke,** born in Dunfermline, won last year's British amateur middleweight title, which was a fitting climax to an amateur career of 120 bouts, of which he won 110, 80 inside schedule.

Now 22, Eddie has won all his eight pro bouts, all but one inside the distance. He is a great favourite at London's National Sporting Club and the St. Andrew's Sporting Club in Glasgow, the two venues having shared his contests.

This year Eddie has stopped Jim Moore, Mick Lock, Joe Jackson, Steve Walker, Carl Thomas and Tony Burnett. Present British rating, No. 11.

**Johnny Owen,** 21-year-old Merthyr bantamweight, and a machine-setter by trade, has come a long way in a short ime.

There are only 13 bantamweights in Britain, including himself, so he was boxing ten rounds in only his sixth pro bout, when he defeated George Sutton to annex the Welsh area championship, which was also an eliminator for the British crown. In his very next contest Johnny stopped John Kellie, the Scottish title-holder, in another eliminator, and remains unbeaten in eight fights. Present British rating, No. 2.

Vic Andreetti was British junior welterweight champion in 1969, and was still holding it when the division was abolished because of lack of support. He always wanted to put his knowledge of the Noble Art to good use, and is currently the manager of 21-year-old **Colin Powers,** lightweight from the Paddington area of London.

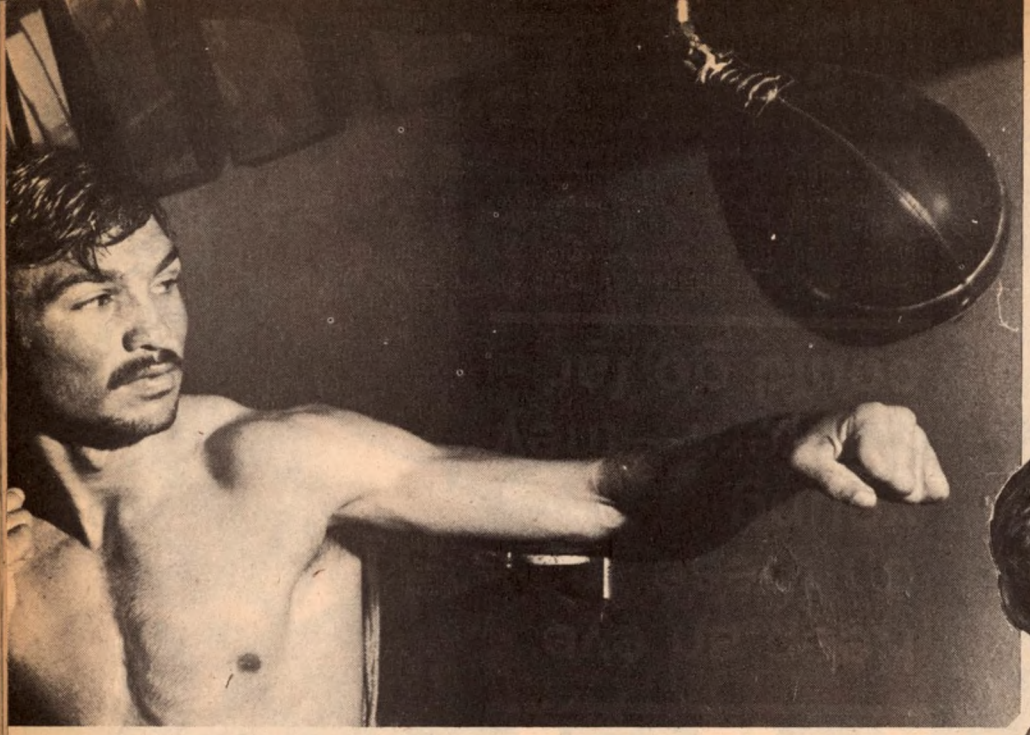
One night Vic and his father went to watch a boxer named John Zeraschi, but the latter was outpointed and floored by Colin Powers, of whom Vic had never heard, so instead of signing John, Vic signed Colin.

The partnership has been a successful one. To date Colin has won 14 out of 16 bouts, and has ahd an excellent year with home victories over Barton McAllister (stopped), Billy Vivian (stopped), and Clinton McKenzie (knockout).

Perhaps the most impressive of Colin's victories this year were obtained abroad. He went to France and stopped Claude Lormeau, rated the No. 10 light welter in Europe, and in Claude's hometown of Chartres. That was in February, and in May he went to Miranda, made mincemeat of Spanish champion Fernando Sanchez, and was awarded a draw.

Under Vic's tutelage Colin has become a good all-round fighter who can box and fight, and who possesses enormous durability. He stands five-feet 10 inches, and Vic thinks he may develop into a light welter or even heavier.

At the moment his British rating is No. 2 lightweight.



(Left) Neil Pattel, a clever, game and tough welterweight from Sidney. (Below) Lightweight Billy Mulholland is a clever and aggressive fighter.

# Australian Prospects in Review

By RAY MITCHELL

**FRANK ROPIS**

Junior welterweight Frank Ropis has been in his elder brother's shadow all his life. It was always Matt who suggested the games to play; it was always Matt who suggested where they would go, what they would do, and if Matt ordered Frank to do something, then Frank did it. Perhaps Matt was a bit domineering at times, but Frank never thought so. To him, Matt was a god.

It followed that when Matt became a boxer in 1971, Frank wanted to get into the ring, too. He had to wait a year because he was too young (he is only 22 now), and he battled along in small preliminary bouts for what seemed like ages.

Always a lad of action between the ropes, his three-round fights always were included in the prelims to be shown with the main-events on television. The surprising thing was that Frank did not receive a promotion for such a long time. He had 21 three and four-rounders before he got a six. He had two sixes and an eight, then retired. That was in October 1975, just seven months after brother Matt won the Australian lightweight title.

In September 1976 Matt Ropis lost his title to Lachy "Baby Cassius" Austin. Frank decided on a comeback.

In March this year Frank outpoited Joey Collins over eight rounds, to wipe out a previous defeat. In June he had his first main event. It was a ten-rounder against Billy Mulholland at Melbourne Festival Hall, and he was able to get it because his trainer, Kevin Watterson, had leased the Hall from Stadiums Ltd. a few months earlier. It was

**Brian Roberts, Australian bantamweight champion, has remained, to date, in the shadow of Paul Ferreri, although many Australians are puzzled as to why.**

**Called "Boy," Barry Michael is actually a tough lightweight who may be Commonwealth champ by the time this magazine appears.**

**Steve Bell has an unusual problem—he has trouble not falling too far below the flyweight limit of 112. He would like a shot at the world Jr. fly title.**

# Keep an eye on these young fighters—they could go far

a very good fight, one of the best of the year, and the result was a draw.

One month later he went to Papua-New Guinea to tackle local welter idol Martin Beni, and after another very good fight he again had to settle for a draw.

Right now Frank Ropis has an 18-6-3 record (all losses were by points decision), only two of them have been main events, but in those mains he established himself as one of the best junior welters in Australia.

"I want the title that Matt lost," he said quietly but with conviction.

"He fought the fight of his life against Beni," said Watterson, "and believe me, he won it. He was unstoppable. You know why he fought so well? Before the fight he received a cable from brother Matt, wishing him the best.

" 'Gee, Kevin,' he said, 'Matt sent me a cable to wish me luck. Isn't that great?' "

Frank Ropis may not get the title Matt lost because making lightweight could be too big a strain, but as a 140-pounder he could shake up the opposition in a year or so. Champion Hector Thompson will not last forever.

### BARRY MICHAEL

Boy, they call him, and he looks it with his baby face, his blond hair and friendly smile, but he fights like a man. He turned 22 in June, but already he holds two state titles, the junior light and lightweight of Victoria, the southernmost mainland state of Australia, and he fought for the Commonwealth and Australian junior lightweight titles.

He has a record of 19 wins, three losses (all on points) and one draw, and he has more ahead of him than he has behind him.

Barry's real name is Swettenham, and he was born in England but came to Australia at age two. His father, Len, taught him the rudiments of boxing from the time he started school in Melbourne. At 15 he was competing in Victoria A.B.A. tournaments, and after receiving one early belting he was invited by trainer Alan Meaker to join his gym. Barry did so.

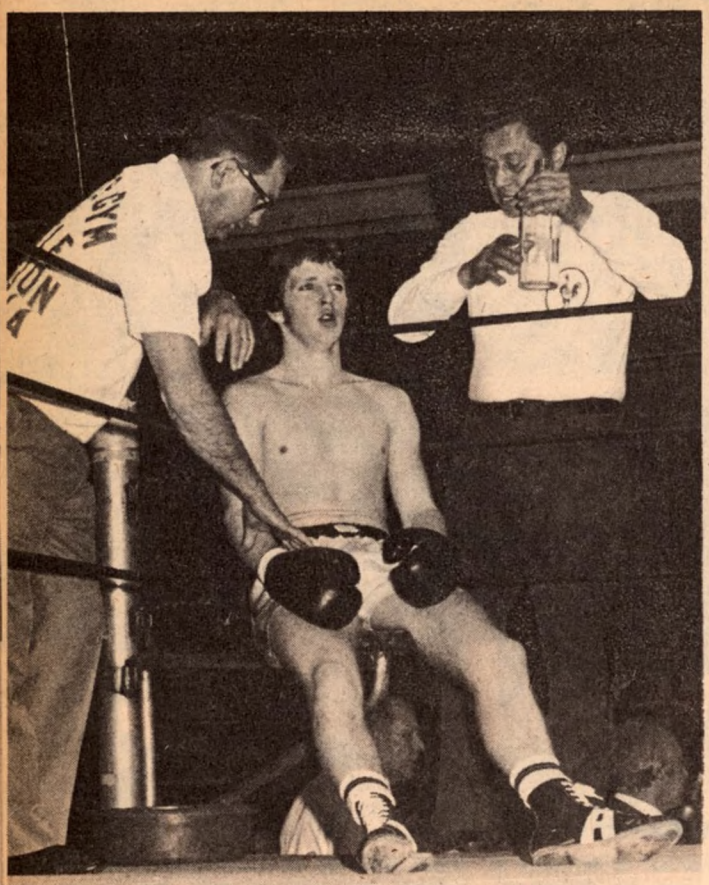
Meaker remained his trainer from then until the end of 1976. Len Swettenham again holds the reins of young Barry. Barry made his pro debut in a three-rounder in June 1973. He won, and continued to win until his ninth pro outing when he went under on points to southpaw Jimmy Brown over six rounds. It was Brown who had beaten Michael in the latter's last amateur bout.

In eight of his first ten paid bouts Barry Michael won TV Ringside awards as best prelim boy on the program.

Michael had his first ten-rounder on September 4, 1975, and he made it good by outpointing Glenn Howard. Two fights later he outpointed southpaw Andy Broome to win the vacant Victoria lightweight title. Two fights after that he outpointed Dave Richrads to take the Victoria junior lightweight title, and two fights after that—on November 26, 1976—he outpointed Wongso Suseno in Surabaya, and Suseno was ranked number eight junior welter by the W.B.C. at the time. Suseno still is ranked in the top ten by the W.B.C. despite the defeat by Boy Michael. Michael is unranked and, at the time, was two divisions under junior welter!

At his next outing, December 22, 1976, Michael challenged southpaw Billy Moelle for the Australian and Commonwealth junior lightweight titles. Barry came in second, but there was not that much difference in points.

This year he has fought once, beating bulldog Joey Gibilisco over ten at Melbourne Festival Hall. It was a two-man war with Michael winning by quite a good margin o



**(Left) Steve Butler is a classy welter who looks much better than his record would indicate. (Above) Fast moving featherweight Barry Bell has been something of an enigma as he bounces in and out of the fight game. (Below) Jr. welter Frank Ropis wants to win the lightweight title his brother Matt lost to Lachy Austin.**

points.

He will be going in with Jonathan Dele in Nigeria for the Commonwealth lightweight title as we go to press. He may not win it, but Dele will know he has been in a fight, and if Barry does lose he will be back for another shot at the international level.

**LACHY "BABY CASSIUS" AUSTIN**

When flashy Lachie "Baby Cassius" Austin beat world ranked Aussie Hector Thompson in April this year to take Hector's Australian and Commonwealth junior welterweight titles, he set Australia on its ear. It couldn't be right; it must be a mistake, they said in the eastern states, not believing what had happened in Perth.

An injury to his knee forced Hector out in the 15th round, but Thompson would have lost on points anyway as referee and sole judge Dinny Heaney had Austin 6½ points ahead.

It was one of the three biggest upsets in Australian boxing—the first was in 1930, the second in 1950.

Austin had been around for quite a while, having his first bout in November 1971 as Lawrence Austin, a four-round prelim in the Melbourne suburb of Nunawading, but he had boxed sparingly, the taking of Thompson's titles coming in Austin's 24th fight.

Fast and flashy, Austin adopted the name "Baby Cassius," and after four fights in Victoria he returned to his native Western Australia in 1972, won a couple of W.A.

state titles, but lost on points to N.S.W. welter Sid Dumbrell, so he did not set the world alight at the point in his career.

In February 1975 he came east and lost a close on the Eddie Buttons in a fast fight which I refereed. Austin impressed, but not as a possible future conqueror of Hector Thompson.

The following month he lost a points decision to Papuan Martin Beni at St Kilda in an eight-round support to Joe Frazier-Jimmy Ellis. He was held to a draw by Lou Cruz at Blacktown, then lost a decision to Putt Lawlek in Thailand. That was in October 1975. Austin did not fight again until July 1976 when he re-won the W.A. State welter title.

In September in Perth, suburb of Kewdale, Austin easily outpointed Matt Ropis to take Matt's Australian lightweight title, a result that did not surprise, as Austin's speed was expected to be more than a match for the slower, but more aggressive, Ropis.

Austin's next was a 10-round KO win over welter Alan Aldenhoven. That was in January this year. In April came his stunner over Thompson.

The improvement in Austin over five fights since we last saw him had to be one of the biggest improvements in boxing history.

In June this year he met Thompson in a return in Perth, both junior welter titles on the line. Hector came through with a points decision, but it was split.

Lachie "Baby Cassius" Austin is a lad with a future. He should be cracking world ratings, based on his two bouts with Hector Thompson. His record stands at 19-5-1, the five losses all being by points decision.

**BRIAN ROBERTS**

Apart from a short tenure as Australian bantamweight champion Brian Roberts seems destined to remain in the shadow of Paul Ferreri in the bantamweight division in Australia—or did until July this year. Wisely he has moved to the featherweight division, and at time of this writing is hoping to contest the Australian featherweight title this year.

It has been frustrating for Brian—and

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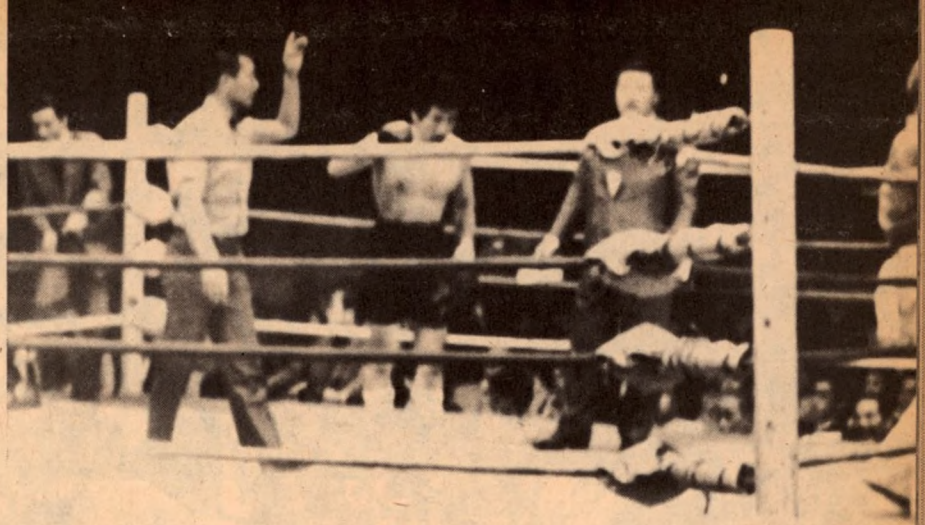


Kobayashi raises his arm in victory after he knocked out Shiger Sasaski in 105 second of the first round at Korakuen Hall.

# ROYAL KOBAYASHI SET FOR TITLE SHOT

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

WHEN Manager Yoshinori Takahashi, ex-Orient welterweight champion who had failed to wrest the world junior welterweight throne in Tokyo in 1964, announced that Royal Kobayashi would challenge WBC super bantamweight champion, Rigoberto Riasco, Panama, last year, there was severe public criticism about Kobayashi moving down from the 126-pound class.

He had a well developed torso and muscular arms, and reportedly had always had a weight problem in the featherweight limit. He also loved drinking, which contributed to his problem. However, Kobayashi gave up drinking, concentrated on reducing, and entered the ring of Kuramae Sumo (Japan's national wrestling) Arena at 122 pounds.

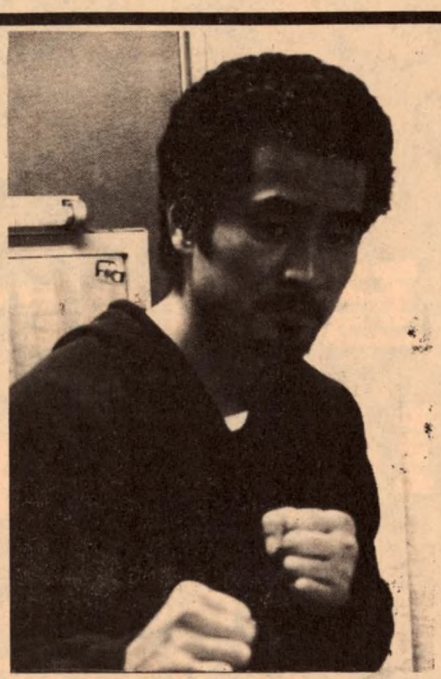
His vaunted power was intact as he exploded on the lanky champ's jaw to drop Riasco twice and put him out in the eighth canto.

Nipponese Kobayashi became the WBC champion and proved that he sould be a real power puncher in that performance before the huge crowd and nationwide TV watchers.

One 46 days later, however, Kobayashi went to Korea under the stubborn order of WBC to fight Yum Dong-Kyun, losing a hairline 15-round decision. It was the shortest reign ever by the previous 20 Japanese champions. Kobayashi returned to Tokyo and was undecided whether to return to the featherweight class, or to pursue the 122-pound crown again.

Brother-like manager Takahashi suggested Kobayashi be coached by Eddie Taunsend, a veteran U.S. handler who had lived in Japan for 16 years and cultivated champs like Paul Fujii, Hiroyuki Ebihara, Kuniaki Shibata, and Guts Ishimatsu.

A new combination of the beared 27 year-old puncher and the 63 year-old American trainer began this year. Taunsend coached him to master a smoother mobility to make his talented, solid power more effective. The first battle since piloted by the Hawaiian-born ex-amateur featherweight champ, was on February 8 when Kobayashi displayed exceptional progresses in finishing Jun'ichi Ohkubo in seven rounds in Shiga Prefecture.



Kobayashi strikes up a fighting pose in photo above. At left, he is shown with his trainer, Eddie Taunsend, who adjusted his style to make his punches more devastating.

Korean Yum Dong-Kun was still champion and Kobayashi figured no matter how fast Dong-Kyun used his footwork in a re match he couldn't avoid Kobayashi's stron kayo leather attacks.

Ohkubo, ex-Shinjin-o (four roun 'Novice' king) dancer and speedster with 19-3 (ten by kayo) record, took vicious bud shots from Kobayashi, who demolished hir as he became victim No. 29 in 35 previou victories.

It was only one day before Kobayash made his 30th kayo collection that champio Yum was dethroned by Puerto Rico's Wi fredo Gomez in 12 give-and-take round New titlist Gomez decked the 18th kayo wi in as many pro outings, after surviving first round knockdown. Gomez finall caught the target with a series of finishers.

With a new champ and new rival as wel Kobayasgi vigorously punched trial hors Shigeru Sasaki and knocked him out in on 105 seconds of the opening session at Kor kuen Hall. The victor connected with a trip left uppercut to the stomach of Sasaki, ar suddenly turned loose with a swift right the button. It was so well-timed that Sasa went down flat for the full count.

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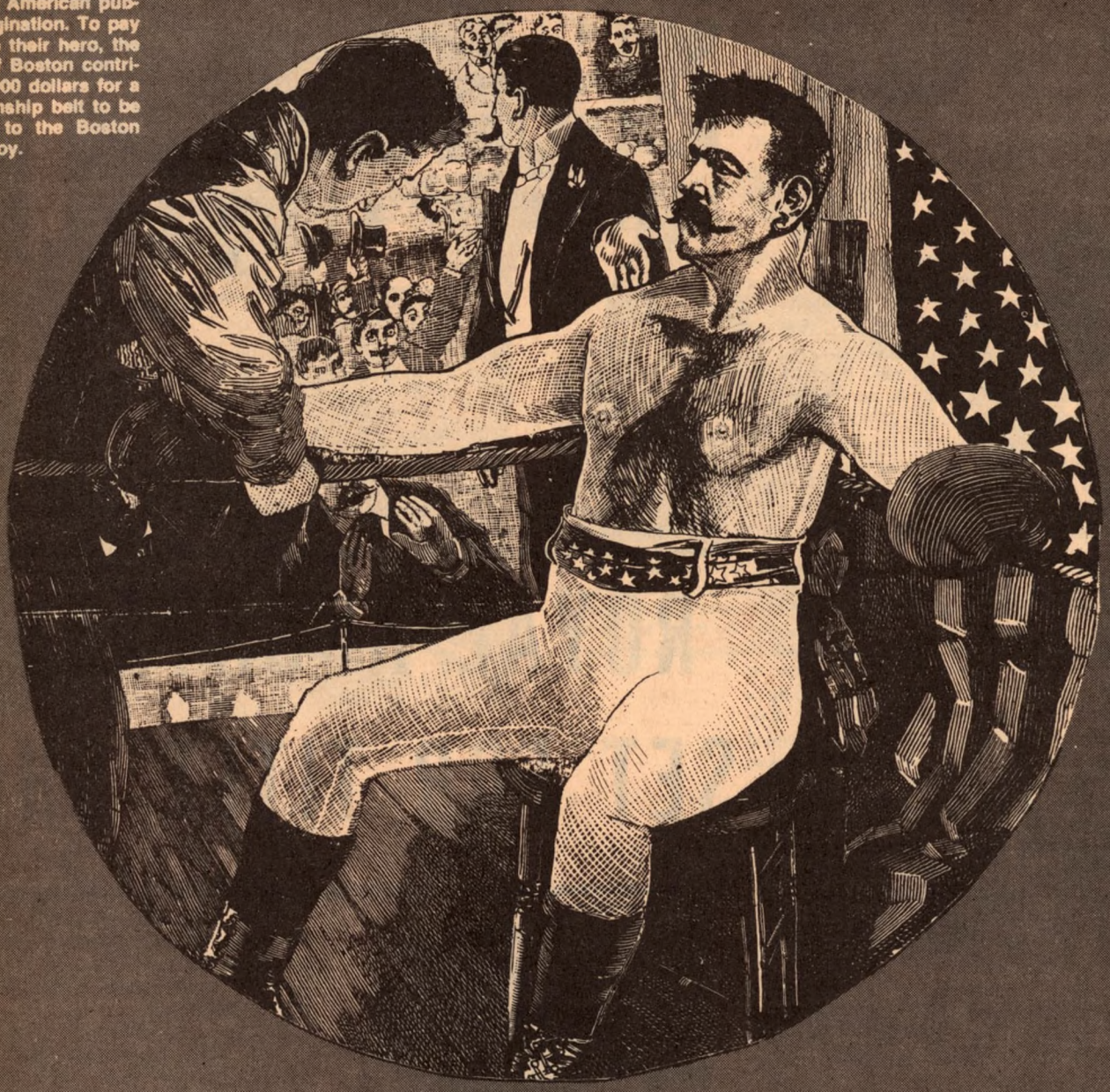
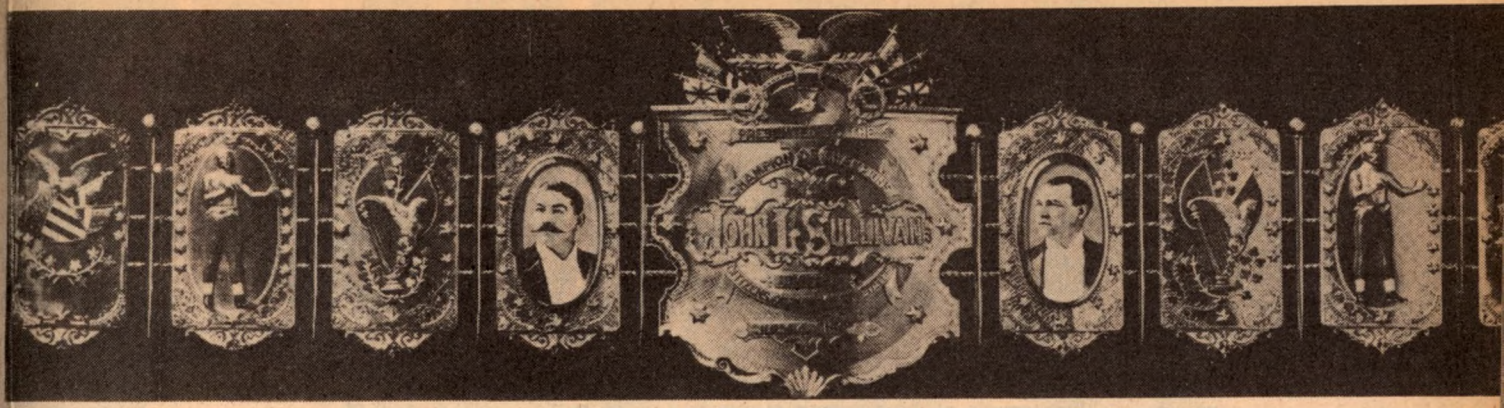


Heavyweight champion John L. Sullivan captured the American public's imagination. To pay tribute to their hero, the people of Boston contributed 8,000 dollars for a championship belt to be awarded to the Boston Strong Boy.

# The History of Championship Belts

By SAM ANDRE

**Tom Cribb's belt was the first documented, John L. Sullivan's stirred the most controversy.**




**The John L. Sullivan Championship belt was made of 12 karat gold and was studded with 397 diamonds and other precious sto After a long search, it was finally discovered that this beautiful piece of workmanship had been melted down for its value in gold.**

SOON after the presentation of The Ring's 267th championship belt to Alexis Arguello by editor Nat Loubet at a Madison Square Garden luncheon a question arose concerning the recipient of The Ring's first belt.

Since *The Ring Encyclopedia* lists names only of the champs awarded a belt since 1952, a search through The Ring files show that the late Nat Fleischer, founder and editor, presented Jack Dempsey with the first championship belt in September of 1921 following Dempsey's four-round knockout of Georges Carpentier on July 2, at Jersey City, N.J.

Further research reveals that England's Tom Cribb was the first champion on record to whom a belt was presented, after defeating Jem Belcher 168 years ago.

There were many battles in which a belt was involved, but none could match the exciting saga of the most famous pugilistic belt of all—the John L. Sullivan diamond belt.

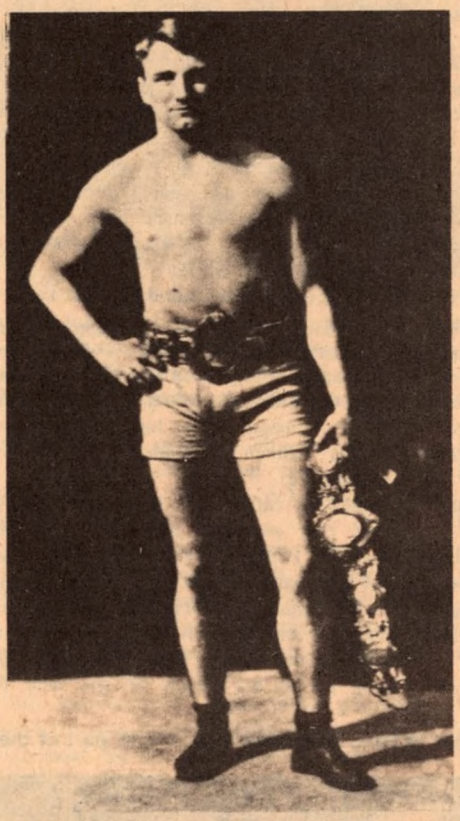
In 1887 John L.'s popularity was at its height. It was a time when boxing was the main topic in sports; baseball was struggling to draw fans and football was running a distant third for recognition.

Throughout the country and parts of the world, the 29-year-old Boston Strong Boy was considered invincible. He had compiled a sensational record, won the American bare-knuckles title in 1882 when he annihilated Paddy Ryan at Mississippi City, Mississippi and was preparing a tour of the country.

Aware of Sullivan's popularity, Pet Sheedy, a flamboyant promoter from New York, mapped out an exhibition tour that opened in Racine, Wisconsin, on March 28, went through the Northwest and down the Pacific Coast.

Before leaving, Sheedy and a few Boston sporting men conceived the idea for a trophy to be sponsored by the people of Boston and presented to their native son. Two Boston jewelers were asked to prepare a design for an outstanding championship belt.

A month after the tour had started, Sheedy returned to Boston and advised the jewelers



**The Welsh Wizard, Freddie Welsh, won the lightweight title from Willie Ritchie on July 7, 1914, and lost it to Benny Leonard, who stopped him in nine rounds in New York on May 28, 1917.**

to start working on the belt they said would take three months to complete. Next, Sheedy agitated the belt scheme through Boston's sports pages. It caught on at once.

Capt. Cook, editor of the Police News, the Police Gazette's rival publication, started the ball rolling with $200. Amounts from fifty cents to checks for $300 poured in. In the final counting the contributions came to slightly over $8000.

The belt started as a 12-inch square of 12 karat gold weighing about 2800 pennyweights. Rolled out it became the largest piece of flat gold ever seen at that time.

It was then fashioned into a belt 48 inches long, 10½ inches tall and studded with diamonds and other precious stones. The sign represented the boxing ring with gold posts, through which ran three ropes. Between each two posts was a plate held in position by the ropes.

The center plate was surmounted wi large wing-spread eagle, with Amer British and Irish flags on either side. Th scription read "Presented to the Cham of Champions, John L. Sullivan, by the zens of the United States, July 4, 18 The champion's name was set with diamonds, a large diamond was set b the eagle and others distributed within on each plate. Inscribed on the back o center plate were the names of 35 prom persons.

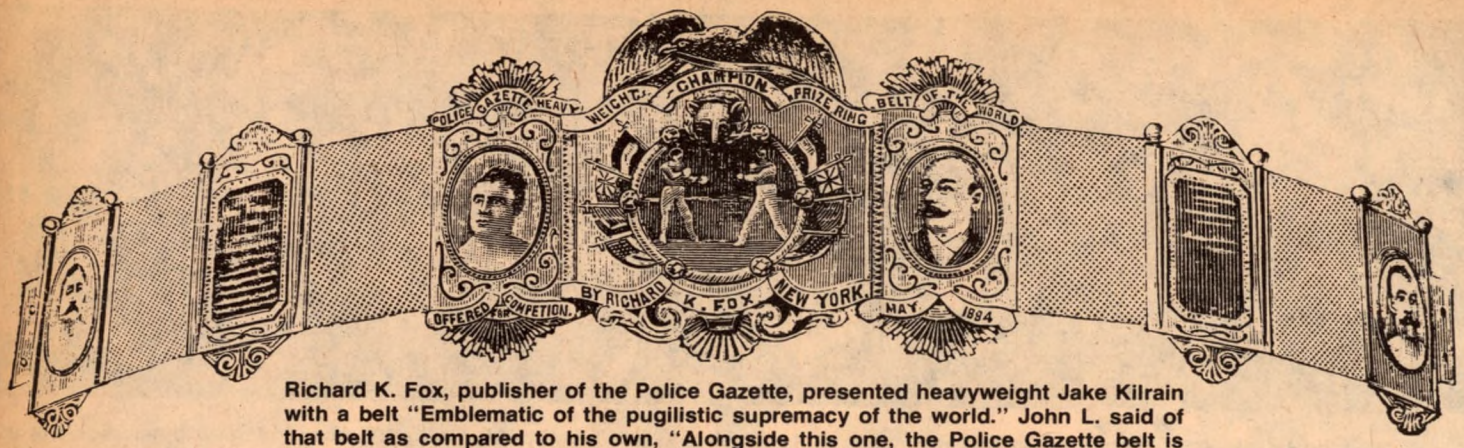
The smaller plates on each side cons of colorful enamel displays of the shie the United States, characteristic fig poses of John L. and an Irish harp. O left panel, a formal photo of Sullivan, o right, a photo of Sheedy. All panels cluttered with the remaining diam Officially the belt was valued at $8,000 soon afterwards it became known as " van's $10,000 diamond belt."

It was a dazzling piece of workma and worthy of a champion.

On Monday evening, August 8, over 4,000 admirers of this great cha overflowed the old Boston Theatre t him hommage. The huge stage was occ by 200 notables representing the Stat City governments and various sports reties.

Prominent in the front row was M Sullivan, father of the hero, a small sporting side whiskers (known as slug seated next to Boston's Mayor, Hugh rien.

Also in the front row was John brother Mike; Dave Blanchard, author old-time boxing code "Blanchard's Fai Rules" and Elmer Chickering, Boston known photographer for whom D Dixon worked as an office boy in 188 years later Dixon knocked out Eng Nune Wallace in 18 rounds for the bantamweight championship..




**Richard K. Fox, publisher of the Police Gazette, presented heavyweight Jake Kilrain with a belt "Emblematic of the pugilistic supremacy of the world." John L. said of that belt as compared to his own, "Alongside this one, the Police Gazette belt is just a dog collar."**

Following the preliminary proceedings, John L., escorted by councilman William P. F. Whall, strode out on stage amid thundrous applause. Whall introduced the champ, and following a brief presentation speech, clasped the sparkling trophy around Sullivan's 46-inch waist.

Next came a series of boxing exhibitions between Bill Bushy, manufacturer of skintight and boxing gloves; George Godfrey, the black heavyweight champ; leading boxers Joe Lannon and George LaBlanch; Mike Donovan, former middleweight champ and, in the final, John L. stripped for a three-rounder with Steve Taylor.

The gift of the sporting public to its greatest idol, had two meanings for Sullivan. First, it was the world's most beautiful and costly pugilistic belt that belonged only to him and was not to be fought for and turned over to any possible victor.

Second, it put to shame the heavyweight championship belt that Richard K. Fox, publisher of the Police Gazette, presented to Jake Kilrain, a powerful heavyweight who had never won a fight.

During Sullivan's acceptance speech, he raised the famous belt over his head and said, "Alongside this one, the Police Gazette belt is just a dog collar."

On October 27, the Boston Strong Boy sailed for an extended exhibition tour of England to accommodate any British fighters abroad "who think they can lick me," as Sullivan put it. He meant Jem Smith, the British champ, and especially "that loudmouth, Charley Mitchell." Aboard the SS Cephalonia was Harry S. Phillips, his new manager and the diamond studded belt.

Upon his arrival at Liverpool it seemed like all of England turned out to cheer him. All except the customs officers who demanded $600 import duty for the belt. When John L. refused, it was temporarily deposited in the Queen's bonded warehouse for safekeeping.

Sullivan carried the belt in a long velvet lined box and had intended to display it wherever British crowds gathered. Perhaps it was fortunate the belt was in the warehouse, for his train was mobbed at every stop from liverpool to London causing it to arrive many hours later. Then, so many people hung on to his coach on the way to the hotel, it collapsed, spilling everyone including Sullivan onto the street.

At his first exhibition before British boxing officials at St. James Hall, Mitchell taunted Sullivan with snide remarks. John L. was so riled he signed for a match on Mitchell's terms: a bare-knuckles fight to a finish in a 24-foot ring on turf, according to London Prize Ring Rules.

The fight took place on a rainy afternoon, March 10, 1888, at Chantilly, France, on the estate of Baron Rothschild before a few trusted people from both sides.

Mitchell's plan was to fall continuously, even without being hit, so that when Sullivan showed signs of fatigue, he could come on strong for the kill.

As the rain continued, the bout became slower and it was getting dark. After more than three hours sloshing in mud, with Mitchell down 38 times, both sides agreed to a draw at the start of the 39th round.

After the battle the fighters were arrested by the French Police and jailed. Mitchell served a couple of days, but Sullivan forfeited his bond, returned to England where he recovered his diamond belt and sailed for America.

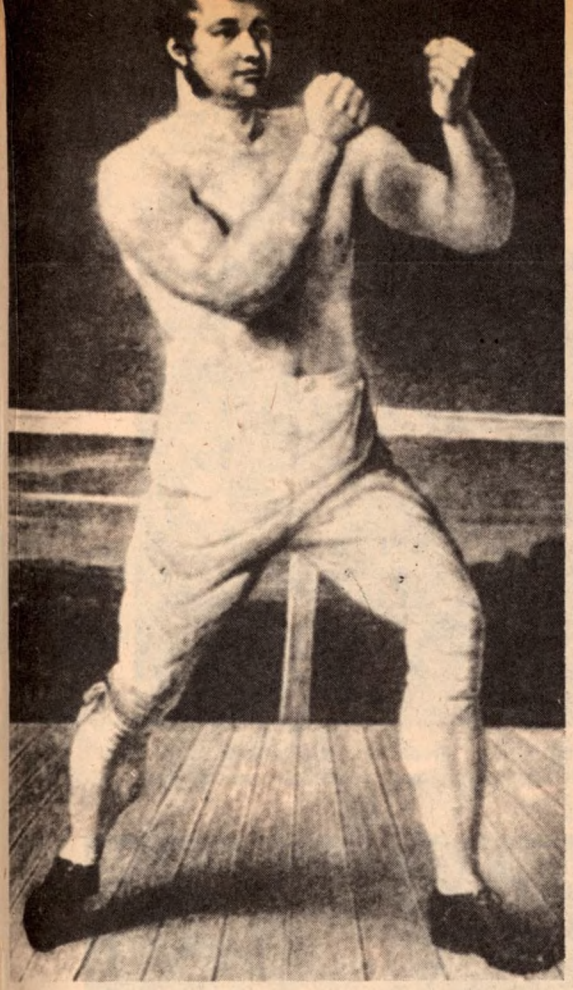
Mitchell's backers were so certain he would have defeated Sullivan had the fight continued, they engaged the firm of Mappin and Webb to design a massive belt in his honor.

The finished product, containing 300 ounces of pure sterling silver and weighing 17½ pounds, consists of 11 small panels and three large ones with colored enamel flags of the United States and Britain and is embossed with heads of Sullivan, Mitchell, an eagle and lion.

Mitchell brought the belt to the United States, and it was on exhibition during his various tours. Americans were not impressed; there was only one belt—John L's.

In 1903, Mitchell, nine years retired, presented the belt to the London Museum for Antiquity. During World War I, the director often allowed the belt to be auctioned off to raise funds for wounded British soldiers, and each time the winning bidder returned it to the museum. More than $1.2 million was realized for the wounded.

**The late Nat Fleischer, founder and editor of Ring Magazine, poses with part of the Ring Museum collection of belts.**



**(Left) England's 19th boxing champion, Tom Cribb, was the first champ to receive championship belt. (Above) John L. Sullivan sailed to England in 1888 to defend h diamond studded belt against Charlie Mitchell. The fight took place in Chantilly, Franc and went to 39 rounds before it was called a draw. Sullivan kept the belt.**

Ted Broadribb, a popular British fight manager, bought the Mitchell belt in 1924 from Sir Harry Preston who had auctioned it off at a charity affair at Brighton for $2000. Two years later, editor Nat Fleischer purchased it for the same amount from Broadribb and placed it in the Ring Museum where it has since been on display.

John L.'s proudest possession was the diamond belt. Whatever his failings, including an enormous capacity for whiskey and the joy of spending his money, he considered the belt the greatest of all ring trophies and it was never out of his possession, even after he lost the title he held for ten years to Jim Corbett at New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 7, 1892.

Around 1895, Sullivan began loaning his belt to old friends for exhibition purposes. It was put on display in many of Boston's famous saloons, among them the flashy bar in Gay's Hotel, conducted by Jim Shea and George Gay at the corner at Washington and Dover Streets. Wherever it appeared the belt acted like a magnet bringing in customers.

The belt was passed around quite often and slowly diamonds began to disappear. Legend has it that Sullivan, when in need of quick money, would pick out a few diamonds to sell.

During that period, Sullivan was touring the country making a lot of money. His tour in 1895 netted him $85,900, in 1896 it was $91,000 and the next two years. $67,300. Though he spent it almost as soon as he earned it money was available; therefore, it is more likely that some so-called "old pals" were the first to pick out a few diamonds.

Sullivan seemed to have lost interest in the belt after it was returned to him early in 1899 minus some diamonds. Finding himself in need of cash after a drinking binge, he borrowed $5000 from a Boston pawnbroker, for the first time.

The second time, with more diamonds missing he was loaned $3000. It was pawned twice more for the same amount, later to be regained by Sullivan or his friends.

In 1900, the belt was pawned in New York for $2000. Bill Muldoon, a wrestling champion and trainer for John L.'s fierce 75-round championship bare-knuckles fight with Jake Kilrain in 1889, redeemed the belt and returned it to Sullivan who had possession of his famous belt for the last time.

John L. swore off drinking in 1905, then toured the country to preach against the evils of liquor.

Interviewed on his farm at North Abingdon, Massachusetts, in 1917, his last recollections of the belt was that it was lost or stolen somewhere in the midwest. "The shop which was showing it" he said, "was broken into and the belt stolen."

On February 2, 1918, John L., a beefy old man of 57, died of a heart attack.

Now it was 1931. It was the heavyweight era of Max Schmeling, Jack Sharkey, Young Stribling, Primo Carnera, Max Baer and a strong promising 23-year-old heavyweigh Ernie Schaaf.

Born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Scha had adopted Boston as his home. His ri career started in 1925, and in the ensuit years he scored 28 knockouts, lost four a won 26 decisions (two over the clev Tommy Loughran) then went on to score s straight KO's. A great future was ahead.

Somehow, an idea developed in Boston locate Sullivan's famous belt, shine it up a present it to Ernie with accompanying pu licity as another John L. in the Boston Iri championship tradition. The fact that Err was of German stock didn't matter.

The idea was great up to a point—the was no Sullivan belt. It had disappeared.

George "Doc" Almy, boxing writer f the "Boston Post," followed every lead ava able in search of the belt in the Boston ar but always drew blanks. The most promisi of these leads placed the belt in the poss sion of a resident of North Abington, Ma sachusetts, in which town the old warr had passed his declining years. However, turned out to be a silk American flag or worn around John L.'s waist in one of l bouts. It was a gift from the old champ.

Exhausted, Almy contacted Nat Fleisch at New York's Madison Square Garden help. Since 1922 when Fleischer fi dreamed of buying the famous belt for the f ture Ring Museum, he traced every possi clue that might lead him to the owner.

The earliest published clue appeared

**Aside from receiving boxing's first championship belt, Tom Cribb was presented with a huge silver cup with the inscription, "In honor of your many brave battles," specifically mentioning Cribb's two defeats over Molineaux. Cribb is seen above with his cup at the Union Arms in Holborn.**

1903. On November 25, Simpson's, a pawnshop in New York, after repeatedly asking Sullivan to redeem his belt, put it up for auction. Mr Simpson said he had loaned the old champ $1,800 on it in 1901 and had held on to it for a year of grace.

"No more bids?" shouted the auctioneer, "well then, sold for $2,900. The so-called "$10,000 diamond belt" passed into the hands of an unnamed dealer in precious stones who said it would be broken up.

Apparently some diamonds still remained, for the bidder, aware of the gold content must have considered the value of the remaining diamonds to have bid so high.

A small clipping from the "Baltimore News" on January 4, 1918, stated that "James King, the Baltimore horse dealer, has the big diamond belt of John L. Sullivan, the former champion who died Saturday. It was turned over to King by Sullivan about ten years ago and is now in a safety deposit box."

The article ended with an inflationary note. "The value at the time of the presentation to John L. was placed at $40,000, and with the rise in value of precious stones in the past 10 years, its value should be upwards of $70,000 now." Unfortunately for Mr. King, he didn't have the belt.

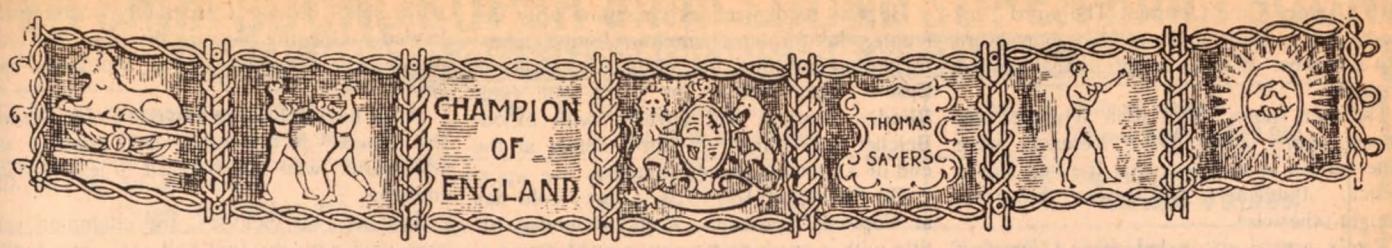
Another clue involved Jimmy Barry, a retired hard-punching heavyweight who had scored 30 KO's and was KO'd five times, four by the great Sam Langford, during a nine year career ending in 1913.

Knowing of Fleischer's interest in the belt, a fight manager, just returned from the Panama Canal Zone, told Fleischer that while having a few drinks with Barry and some of his friends, Barry mentioned that Sullivan had given him the belt and that he had pawned it in Stockton, California.

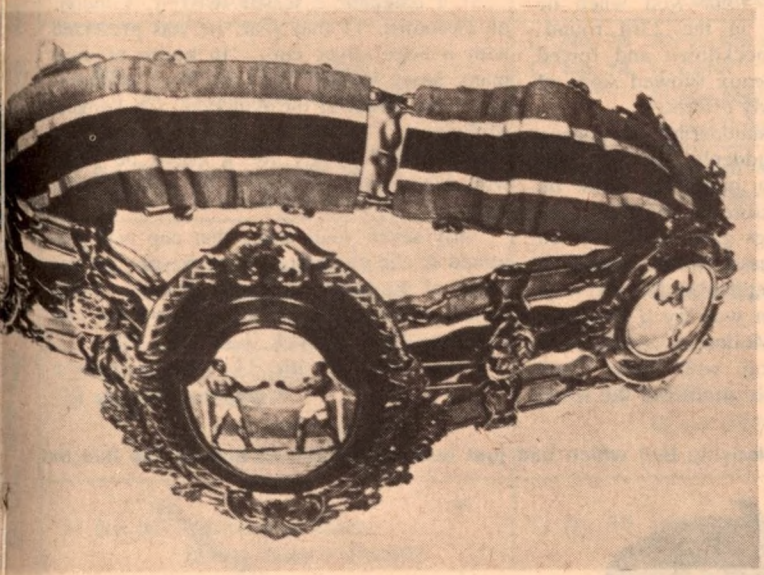
The manager returned to the saloon the next day to get further information, but when he arrived he was told that Barry was shot dead during a brawl.

**Promising heavyweight Ernie Schaaf, seen after being KO'd in the 13th round at New York's Madison Square Garden by Primo Carnera, had adopted Boston as his home, and for a while there were those in that city who tried to locate John L.'s title belt to award to Schaaf.**

Fleischer contacted a Stockton sports writer friend and asked him to search all hockshops, jewelry and antique stores for the




**Tom Sayers was presented with the above belt by Lord Drumlanrig, father of the Marquis of Queensberry, after Sayers beat Bill Perry, "The Tipton Slasher," on June 16, 1857, in 11 rounds.**



**(Above) The Lonsdale Championship Challenge Belt, first awarded in 1909. (Right) Tom Cribb's silver trophy, much prized by its owner.**

trophy. It was not in Stockton.

Finally, in 1926, Fleischer followed a lead that paid off. He went to Baltimore with a large and sharp photograph (now in The Ring Museum) of the original belt to meet his contact.

In The Ring files, an obscure folder contained the following, written by Fleischer:

"Back in 1926 a chap named Ed McGuire in Baltimore, owned the belt, but would not discuss how he got it. He said he had sold it to an "old gold" junk dealer in that City whose name I do not recall. I tried hard to purchase it from the dealer.

"I offered him $500, but he wanted $2000 and I could not afford it. My offer was all the money I owned after having bought the Charley Mitchell belt a few weeks earlier.

"Someone had told the dealer if he had it melted at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he would get far more out of it in the value of gold. I told him it would be a shame to destroy such a relic. He wanted time to think it over.

"Shortly afterward I returned to Baltimore after raising more money. I offered $750 for it, but he again refused, insisting on $2000. Perhaps someone told him that amount was what I had paid for the Mitchell belt.

"I tried again later, but he had taken the belt to the Mint where it was melted down. He received from Uncle Sam $812 for the gold. That was in 1927. When I saw the belt it compared with the photograph in every detail. I know it was the original belt, except for the missing diamonds and other stones which had been removed."

Such was the fate of the most beautiful and famous pugilistic belt, once the proud possession of the world's most renowned pugilist; John L. Sullivan, a two-fisted drinker and rule-breaking idol who stirred the imagination of a growing America.

Thirty years later, on November 5, a five-column photo of the belt appeared on the front page of the "Hammond Times," with a startling headline: "Long Lost John L. Sullivan Championship Belt Goes On Display Friday In Hammond."

The publisher, James S. De Laurier, purchased the belt from Melvin Herman of Hammond, Indiana who offered it for sale in a Times classified advertisement. No mention of the price was made. The belt bore imitations called Zircons in place of the missing diamonds.

The 84-year-old Herman, living in a Hammond Rest Home, claimed he received the trophy in the will of his brother, Urbine (Sport) Herrmann upon his death in 1939. Herman had kept the belt in a vault for many years and now wanted to dispose of it.

The Times article, written by sports writer Loren Tate, stated: "It has been confirmed that (Sport) Herrmann, a wealthy sports-loving Chicagoan had a Sullivan belt at one time.

"But it is more likely that Melvin Herman got the belt from Charles West, former owner of the Indiana Hotel in Hammond, shortly before West's death in March of 1945. West reportedly came into possession of the belt in his Chicago saloon before he bought the Indiana Hotel in 1927."

A photo of the Herman belt was sent to Fleischer who remarked it looked very much like the original according to the photo.

Herman had much background material on Sullivan including a six-column "reproduction" of the original belt that appeared in the 1910 Dayton, Ohio, Journal. The word "reproduction" raised a doubt, but there were also a number of other questions that needed answers.

The then sports editor John Whitaker and current sports editor Dave Kennedy were quite certain at that time that the belt was a replica. Publisher DeLaurier, however, thought otherwise.

Tate's article concluded with a question and a partial answer: "Is it a hoax? If so, someone went to a great deal of trouble."

It was a hoax, and someone did go through a great deal of trouble to manufacture a replica which went to Florida when its owner, publisher DeLaurier, retired ten years ago.

The replica first made its appearance during the Pan American Exposition in Buffalo, New York, in 1901. The gentleman who displayed it made upwards of $200 per week until the fraud was brought to the attention of the authorities..

To go back to the beginning with boxing's first champion, James Figg 1719, there was no mention of a trophy until England crowned her 19th champion, Tom Cribb, following his two smashing victories over Tom Molineaus, the American challenger, in 1810 and 1811. A powerful 5-10, 195-pounder, Cribb was known as the "Gamest of the Game" and possessed enormous strength.

He was recognized as champion after defeating the former champion, Jem Belcher, for the second time, on February 1, 1809, on Epsom Race Course in a 30-foot ring. Blinded, bruised and covered with blood, Belcher was forced to admit defeat at the end of 31 rounds and 40 minutes.

On December 18, 1810, a rainy cold day at Copthall Commons, Cribb defended his title with a crushing victory over Molineaux, a powerful black who was reared in Virginia.

Molineaux flailed away without letup and appeared to have the fight won when he floored the champion in the 23rd round. Cribb survived the knockdown and forced the battle when Molineaux showed signs of exhaustion from his early efforts.

Siezed with a fit of shuddering, Molineaux seemed to weaken suddenly. In the 33rd round Cribb landed a punishing blow on Molineaux's throat. Before he could lash out again, Molineaux's legs gave way. He fell and was carried senseless from the ring.

In a return battle, September 28, 1811, at Thistleton, Cribb again won by a knockout in only 11 rounds. Molineaux started fast and was overpowering with rushes and sweeping swings. Cribb weathered the storm of blows, except for one which completely closed his left eye.

Cribb kept pounding Molineaux's body with solid blows. Desperately, Molineaux landed a glancing blow to the head that sent the champion sprawling. But, Molineaux had shot his bolt.

After having his eye lanced, Cribb pressed the attack. A powerful left doubled up Molineaux, who was finished in less than 20 minutes.

For his two victories, the champion was presented with the first belt ever recorded in boxing history as a token of his fistic supremacy. The belt was made of lion skin and ornamented with large silver lion claws.

At a banquet at Castle Tavern, London, on December 11 that year, he was presented with a huge silver cup, "In honor of your many brave battles" and his most memorable, "the defeat of the American Challenger, Molineaux." In that era, a cup was the most highly prized trophy for it could be filled with Ale and passed around for a toast and a swig.

Forty seven years later, that cup was presented to the champion, Tom Sayers, on the stage of London's Victoria Theatre where Sayers received the stakes won by his victory over Tom Paddock, June 15, 1858.

Cribb held the title 11 years without a

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**Then heavyweight champ Ingemar Johansson tries on the championship belt which had just been presented to him by the late Nat Fleischer, right. Left of Johansson is promoter Humbert J. Fugazy.**

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3—Larry Holmes, Easton, Pa.
4—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
5—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
6—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
7—Howard Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Johnny Boudreaux, Houston, Texas
9—Stan Ward, Sacramento, Calif.
10—Leroy Jones, Denver, Colo.
11—Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis, Minn.
12—Mike Koronicki, Miami, Fla.
13—Joe Alexander, Newark, N.J.
14—Ibar Arrington, Seattle, Wash.
15—Ozzie Ocasio, Puerto Rico

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5—Jesse Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
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8—Ray Elson, New York, N.Y.
9—Lonnie Bennett, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Eddie Gregory, New York, N.Y.
11—Danny Brewer, Chicago, Ill.
12—Matt Franklin, Philadelphia
13—Marvin Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.
14—Willie Taylor, Brooklyn, N.Y.
15—Tony Greene, Miami, Fla.

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*Title Vacant
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5—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass.
7—Casey Gacic, Cleveland, Ohio
8—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
9—Edgar Wallace, Phoenix, Ariz.
10—Tony Chiaverini, Kansas City, Mo.
11—Rocky Mosley Jr,, Las Vegas, Nev.
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3—Josue Marquez, Puerto Rico
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*Title Vacant
1—Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Ruben Castillo, Bakersfield, Calif.
3—Richard Rozelle, Las Vegas, Nev.
4—James Martinez, Clovis, N.M.
5—Warren Matthews, New Orleands, La.
6—Gaby Cantrera, San Antonio, Texas
7—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
9—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
10—Jimmy Farrell, Rockland, Mass.
11—William Berry, Trenton, N.J.
12—Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
13—Ben Ortiz, Puerto Rico
14—Ernesto Grefe, San Antonio, Texas
15—Willie Chapman, Detroit, Mich.

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*Title Vacant
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2—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
3—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
7—Artemio Jeronimo, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Ignacio Osornio, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Benny Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.
11—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
12—Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
13—Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
14—Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Harrison Kiger, Galveston, Texas

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*Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
1—Alberto Sandoval, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Joey Olivio, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
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8—David Romahlo, Lowell, Mass.
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10—Raul Ochoa, Los Angeles, Calif.

## ALEXIS ARGUELLO

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is the most probable fighter around to give Duran a lot of trouble. This corner believes that if they meet, Alexis will be the new lightweight champion of the world.

In a featherweight ten rounder, Sean O'Grady was unveiled for New York fans and the Oklahoma City 18-year-old youngster notched his 48th win by a ten round decision over the 27-year old veteran, David Vasquez who is not any longer the fighter he was but who forced Sean to go all out to win a decision from him.

Sean has 43 knockouts to his credit but his fast and powerful hands were unable to do more than win the decision over Vasquez who showed that he is still capable of mixing it with the best. The fight was a close one with this writer tabbing it 6-4 for Sean.

If there was anything to diminish Sean's star it was that he is being molded into a slugger despite his talents in the boxing department. He did show an element of greenness and should be given a while longer for seasoning before going after the tile as those around him intimate as their immediate goal.

At times, when Vasquez, inches shorter, came boring in, Sean would punch down at his persistant foe in an attempt to ice him with his power. It is usually considered smarter to apply uppercuts and to move up and go into a crouch when fighting a shorter opponent. With more experience, Sean will do it all.

In another ten-round welterweight bout Cemal Kamaci of Istanbul, Turkey met Frankie Benitez with the latter of Puerto Rico, winning a ten round decision over the Turk in a bout that had movement galore but little fighting. In the sixth round Kamaci received a cut over his left eye and in the closing round had a crescent shaped cut over his right eye.

In the other ten rounder which ended up being the "walk out" bout, Harold Weston at 148 pounds, of New York City, proved the better boxer in his match with Los Angele's Andy Price, who toed in at 146¼ for his losing effort.

The bout was a typical Western exhibition of nice boxing ability with a good display of punching from outside as well as in close quarters but neither man could dent a marshmellow and the affair became tiresome.

In the two four rounders on the card Tommy McNeece at 170½ is a hot prospect and a fighter to watch. He won his four round decision in good style having Al Ware on the deck twice enroute. There were several interesting sidelights to the match, namely; Billy McNeece, Tom's father, will be rememberd as a top fighter some few years back and Billy Graham, welterweight contender some two decades ago, was the referee for the fight—his first showing as a referee in Madison Square Garden.

In the other four, Manuel Melon, a southpaw, won a decision from John Locicero in a battle of New York middleweights.


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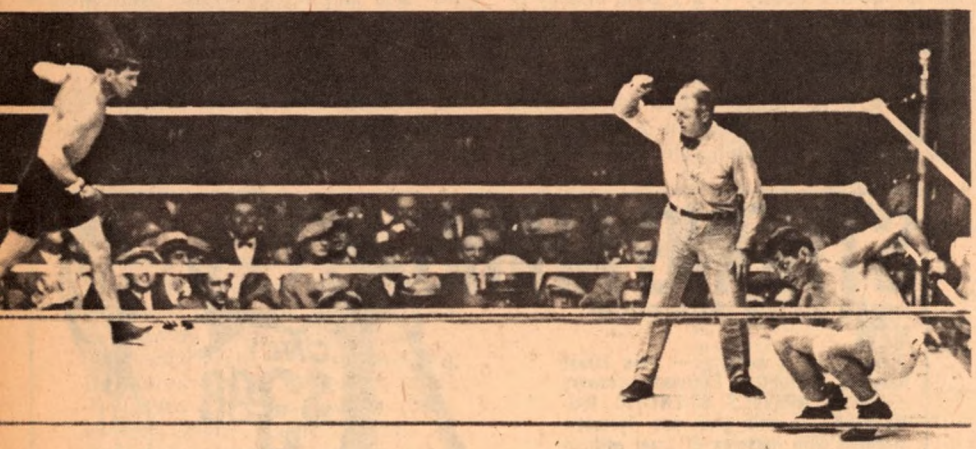
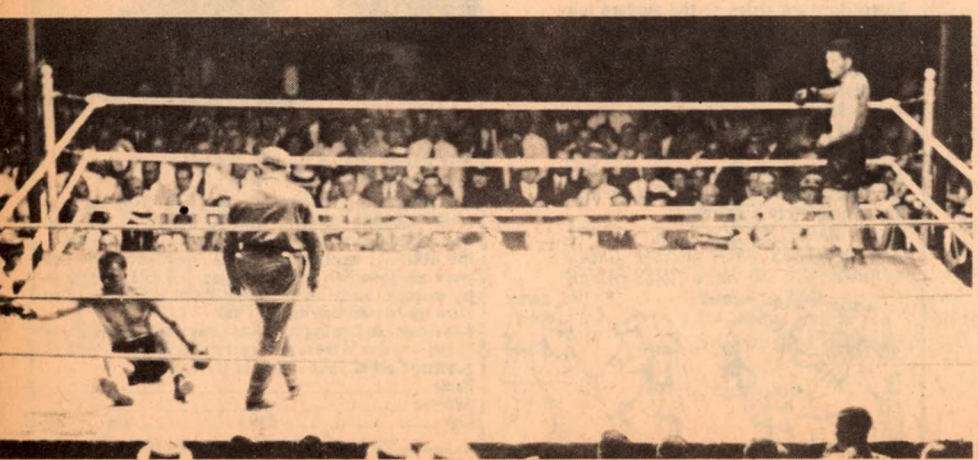
By HARRY WARREN



(Above) Round seven of the Tunney-Jack Dempsey return bout of September 22, 1927. Tunney rose at the count of nine and came back to take the nod over 10. (Below) Gene Tunney knocks out Tommy Gibbons in New York City in round 12 of the June 5, 1925, bout.

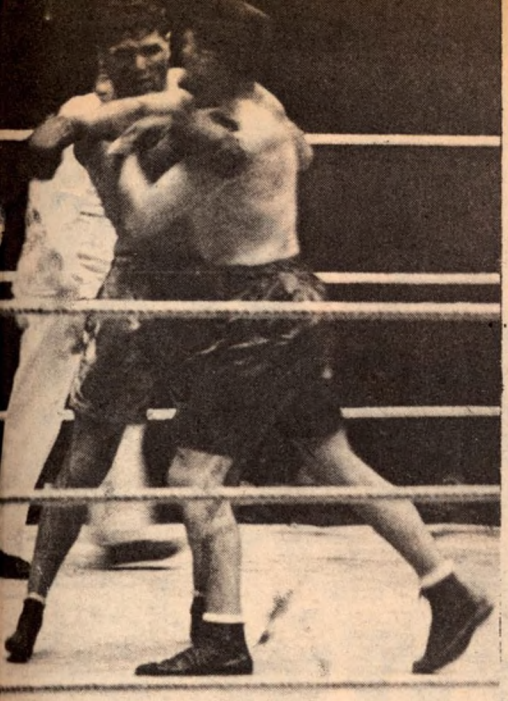


THE former heavyweight champion of the world stood straight as a ramrod. At this moment, with the music and singing ringing in his ears, the champ was back in the United States Marine Corps.

Gene Tunney was 80 years of age and this was his birthday party. A former Captain and a staff instructor of the famous Marine Corps, Tunney was an outstanding Marine officer and was outstanding Marine officer and was dubbed the "Fighting Marine." The New York Athletic Club provided the facilities for this get together, and among those who had come to surprise and honor Gene Tunney were personalities of the banking and financial institutions, business tycoons, corporation giants, members of the prestigious Athletic Club, political leaders, and the contingent of United States Marines under the command of Colonel George M. Wilson. The birthday luncheon was the brainchild of Joseph Sullivan, Sr., a former athlete of note, a respected member of the Athletic Club and an exceedingly popular man in sport circles.

GENE TUNNEY's arrival with his companion and advisor for 35 years, Captain Jim Liebowitz of the Merchant Marine, set off a loud roar of welcome for the former champ who assisted himself with a cane. An expensive smile covered his face as he came into the beautiful banquet room and saw the six-feet by six-feet montage of photographs which covered the former fistic luminary's life. It included his service as a United States Marine at the age of 21 and the subsequent hurdle up the ladder of fame, not only as a Marine, but also as a boxer and then business executive.

GENE was seemingly excited and happy to be among so many friends, and shook



Tunney, right, and Jack Dempsey battle it out for the world heavyweight title on September 23, 1926, in Philadelphia. Tunney won over 10 to take the crown from Dempsey.

After winning the world title, Gene Tunney, fron left, meets with top newspaper men, including The Ring's founder, Nat Fleischer, front center, and Sam Taub, front right.

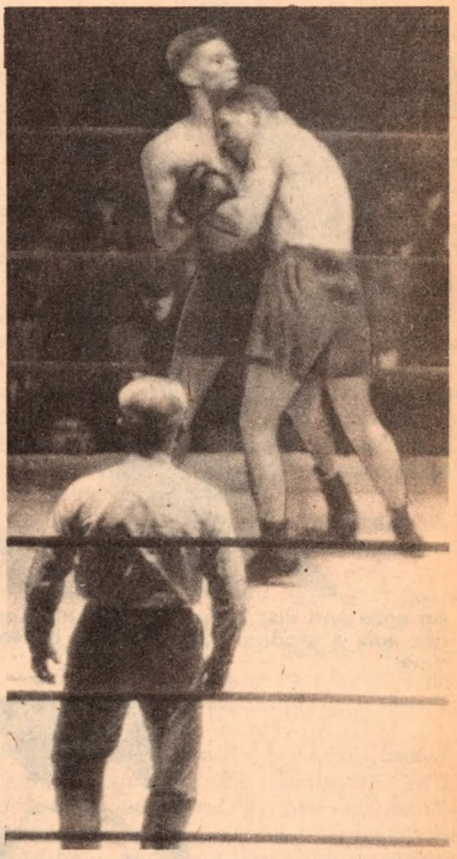
hands with everybody and was particularly delighted at seeing the Marines. Chairman of the luncheon, Joseph Sullivan Sr., had certainly gone over-board in his desire to make this birthday party a success, and Hugh Carey, Governor of New York State, who flew in especially to honor Gene. Governor Carey gave a most generous address, and certainly surprised the assembly, including the writer, when he gave an ad-lib account of some of the battles he had enjoyed of boxers in the ring, but notably the Gene Tunney, Jack Dempsey battles. Carey also recounted how he, with his five brothers, were glued to their seats around a radio and listened to the first Gene Tunney—Jack Dempsey title fight. Boxing has been a major sport with him ever since, he noted.

Carey also praised Tunney for his business sense. Gene was one of the charter members of what is now the Bank of Commerce, which had its start in Brooklyn and is now a national institution.

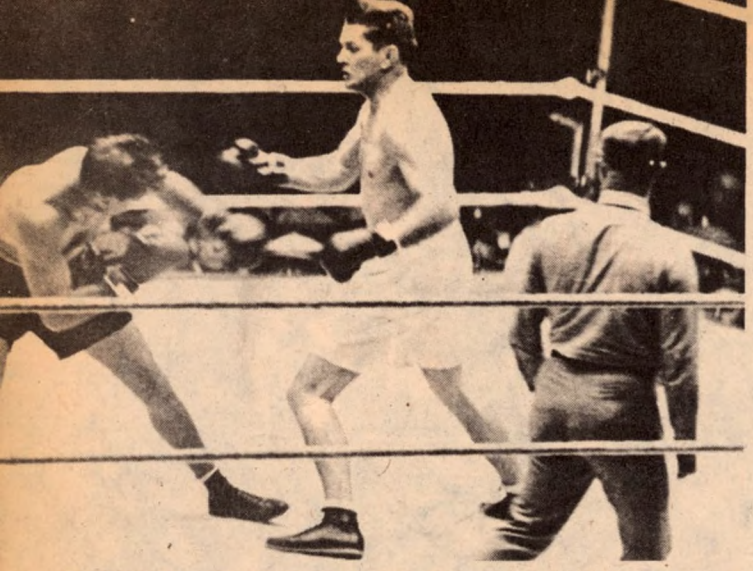
Turning to face the former champion, the Governor looked at Gene and said, "I am here to salute you on behalf of all the people of New York on this, your birthday."

New York City Fire Commissioner, John O'Hagen, in an inspiring speech stated, "Tunney lived on the following principles: Faith—Courage—Sportsmanship and Discipline."

President Bill McCarthy, of the New York Athletic Club, said, "Some years ago the NYAC had a rule—NO PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES permitted in the club, but after due consideration, we are giving a membership to this fine athlete." He then proceeded to give a gold membership card to Tunney, with a custom made blazer and club blazer-badge to go with it. To make it complete, (Manny) Trakis, president of the men's fash-



(Above) Tunney regained the light heavyweight crown with a 15 round win over Harry Greb on February 23, 1923, in New York City. (Left) Marine Gene Tunney in dress uniform with his manager Billy Gibson back in 1922.



(Above) Tunney charges in on Tom Heeney during their New York City heavyweight title fight of July 26, 1928. Gene KO'd Heeney in round eleven, and announced his retirement three days later. (Right) Two great heavyweights greet one another with respect, Gene Tunney, left, and Jim Jeffries.

An agile and fast boxer, the dashing Tunney was a product of the streets of New York.

In July 1928 Tunny announced his retirement from boxing at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City. From left to right: William Gibson, William Muldoon, Gene Tunney, and Tex Rickard.

Tunney, who traveled in society circles, is seen at ringside of the Ross-Armstrong fight with Polly Lauder.

ion company that retails out of the ground level of the club (known as Arthur's Court) presented the champion with a complete set of solid gold buttons for his blazer and a silk club tie.

Colonel George M. Wilson presented the ex-champ an enlarged colored photograph of himself dressed in his Marine Corps dress blues, and gave a thrilling account of the former champion's contribution to the physical fitness of the Marine Corps when under his guidance. The Colonel also presented a four by four foot birthday card and montage to the former champion.

The New York Athletic Club in addition presented Tunney with a beautiful silver chalise and a silver medalion, suitably in-

Three former world champions who fought one another in the 1920's reunite in 1966. From left to right: Gene Tunney, Georges Carpentier, and Jack Dempsey.

The Tunney family pose before boarding an airplane back in 1959. From left to right: Joan Tunney, Gene, John Tunney, and Mrs. Tunney.

scribed to the former champions wife, to mark the occasion.

Joe Sullivan brought a big smile to Tunney's face and a big laugh from the august group with a story. "When I was preparing for this event, I approached Mr. Tunney and asked him, in all sincerity, 'What does a man like you want who has everything including 15 million dollars. What can I give you for a birthday gift?" Turning to Gene Tunney, Joe Sullivan continued, "Do you know what he wanted? 'Believe md,' he said, "give me a blazer badge of your club."

Yes, this writer can certainly agree with the Marines, Mr. Gene Tunney is the greatest, with a capital G.

James Joseph Tunney was born in New York City on May 25, 1897. He graduated from St. Veronica's Parochial School in 1911 and from the La Salle Military Academy in 1915. As a youngster, Gene excelled in sports, but chose to concentrate on boxing, in which he showed distinct promise. He participated in the many boxing shows in the number of clubs that flourished in New York City in those days.

On 17 July, 1918, at the age of 21, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps to serve his country during World War 1. He was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina, where he completed his recruit training. Gene was transferred to Quantico, Virginia, where he was assigned to the 11th Marine Regiment, which shortly afterwards sailed aboard the steamship De Kalb and landed at Brest, France on October 13, 1918.

Upon his arrival in France, Tunney was assigned duty as an athletic instructor and he represented the Marine Corps in boxing contests held by the American Expeditionary Forces against Army and Navy personnel.

It was in France that his boxing career really started to move. In April 1919 a special bout was scheduled in Paris. Tunney weighed in at 163 against the current American Expeditionary Forces light heavyweight champion, named Bob Martin. However, in this contest Martin weighed in at 190. Tunney destroyed the champion and captured the title for the Marine Corps.

Tunney returned to the United States during July and was honorably discharged on August 13, 1919.

Known as the Fighting Marine, Tunney seriously took on his role as a career boxer. On January 13, 1922, he defeated Battling Levinsky for the American light heavyweight title in Madison Square Garden, but lost the title to Harry Greb, on May 23, 1922, (the only fighter to defeat Tunney in his career). Tunney regained the title February 23, 1923, from Greb and proved his superiority by defending his title against Greb on December 10 of the same year at New York City, decisively winning over 15 rounds.

September 23, 1926, is the date that remains indelible in Gene Tunney's mind as the date he won the world heavyweight title from Jack Dempsey. Again on September 22, 1927, Tunney defeated Dempsey and retained his title. On July 26, 1928, Gene had one more fight for his title, against Tom Heeney. He knocked-out Heeney in the 11th

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Gene Tunney helps open the campaign of his son, John Tunney, for the United States Senate in September 1970 John won the seat from incumbent George Murphy.

# Pete Mead--Never Slated To Be Champ, But Always A Tough Foe

Joel Lipsitt, left, poses with Pete Mead, one of the good colorful middleweights who fought in Madison Square Garden in the 1946-47 era when there was an abundance of hard-hitting middleweights around.

By JOEL LIPSITT

PETE Mead was never destined to be a champion or even earn a shot at the title but all who were familiar with Pete's performance in the ring respected him as a true pro. He was colorful, gutsy and was never coddled or protected. He was a good middleweight in an era when there were a lot of great ones around like Zale, Cedan, LaMotta, Sands, Abrams, Belloise, Villemain, Graziano, Turpin, Lytell and Mimms.

He fought in four main events at New York's Madison Square Garden. Promotors loved him because his appearance always guaranteed a ring war. He came to fight and his opponent never had to go looking for him. Win or lose the other guy never had an easy go.

Pete was just a 16 year old kid from Trumann, Arkansas when Mr. J.C. Miller, a millionaire industralist from Grand Rapids, Michigan, who loved boxing sent for him. In January 1941, Miller gave him a job and put him in the Golden Gloves. In 1942, as an open welterweight, Pete won the Michigan tournament and turned pro a few months later. After just six fights he was drafted and his career delayed until the end of World War II.

After the service Pete began building an impressive record in Detroit and Grand Rapids rings. One of his biggest wins came on December 6, 1946 when he decisioned former World welterweight king, Fritzie Zivic. Pete's goal was then the mecca, New York City. Miller thought he was ready and so he added Tex Sullivan, a popular New York manager as his partner along with Dan Florio and Teddy Bentham who became Pete's new trainers. By that time he was

**Mead had the misfortune to be a good middle weight in an era of many great ones.**

beating popular fighters like "Cowboy" Ruben Shank, the late crafty and cagy George "Sonny" Horne, Cocoa Kid and the likeable Herbie Kronowitz. Tough Harold Green outpointed him in his first Garden appearance. They also put him in with the Boston tough guys, Joe Rindone and durable Al "Red" Priest; they were no slouchs. Later he was stopped by the picture puncher with the "China chin", good looking Walter Cartier who became a part time actor.

Pete fought 32 times in 1946-1947, winning 27 times but still never getting a shot at the best around like Zale, Cerdan, LaMotta, Abrams and Belloise. Instead they matched him in Buffalo with one of the DeJohn boys, Joey, who was a real belter.

This was to begin the first of a three fight series that many veteran fight buffs still talk about today. Joey had won 29 in a row with 16 KOs. Pete got off the floor to KO him in the 5th round. They met again in the Garden, February 25, 1949, and a crowd of 11,043 saw Pete survive a series of knockdowns to stop Joe in the 7th heat.

"I still get terrible headaches whenever you mention DeJohn's name; golly he could punch," Pete said. "I can still feel him; he was a better puncher then Graziano. Rocky would whack you on the shoulder and floor you, but Joey, a slick boxer, would bang you right on the button. When he nailed me, I never heard the referee say one. I think I picked up the count at five or six.

"That night in the Garden I surely took the worst beating I ever took, even though I won. He decked me in the fifth round and I did something I never did before. Purposely I got up and went down again to get the count started all over again. I knew from my first fight that his chin wasn't too good. This kept me going until the seventh when I got to him with two solid left hooks and a straight right which knocked him down for the third time and they stopped it. Only the Pep-Saddler fight beat us out for the "Fight of the Year" award in New York. The late Dr. Vincent Nadiello told me that this fight took too much out of me and to take the rest of the year off."

However, things were going too good for Pete and in 84 days he was back in the Garden against a buzzaw, Robert Villemain, top contender from France who split two "pier six" brawls with LaMotta. "I should have paid attention to Dr. Nadiello, for in the second round I saw I no longer had any strength left and Villemain whipped me decisively on points." related Pete.

Back to Rochester, and this time DeJohn knocked him out. Then on to London where he lost to the three time Australian Empire

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(Left) Earnie Barr, former Florida light heavyweight Golden Gloves Champ, now a pro in the Bahamas, appears with patron Everett Sands, right, and manager Marty Goldstein. (Below) Sammy "Kid" Barr, Bahamas junior middleweight champ and brother of Ernie, is flanked by Goldstein, left, and Jim Malone.

# BOXING'S REALLY HOT IN THE BAHAMAS!

**By BOB CAREW**

There are a total of 700 Bahamian Islands, yet the population is under 225,000 with the majority in Nassau, the capital city where approximately 110,000 Bahamians live. With this small population as compared to much larger countries, professional boxers have gained world wide recognition in recent years.

About three and half years ago, boxing was rather dormant. Then Marty Goldstein, a Nassau resident for nearly nine years, teamed with Pat Curry of Miami, Florida, to bring in some good talent for the local fighters like Bobby Lloyd, Jonny Hudgins, Rene Kinsey, Ike Hooks, Roscoe Bell and former world light-heavyweight champion Vincent Rodon, along with many others.

At the same time, the team of Wilfred Coakley and Christ Malakus also promoted, and the well known venue, the Nassau Stadium operated by Charly Major Sr. and Jr., was humming once again with action.

Manager Goldstein operated the "House Of Champions" which became the No. 1 training gym as well as a small club fight arena. One of his stable of eight fighters was Baby Boy Rolle, truly an iron man in pro boxing. In over fifty fights he had only hit the deck once.

Two and a half years after boxing was revived, Elisha Obed, the fighting machine with over 60 straight wins, really gained recognition for the Bahamas as he won the world junior middleweight championship in France from the strong Brazilian, Miguel Di Olivera. He defended his title twice successfully before bowing to Eckard Dagge in Germany. The Bahamas really proved they had tough boxers. Following the Dagge bout, Obed faced the Bahamas' junior middleweight champion, Sammy "Kid" Barr, who gave Elsiha probably two of the toughest fights of his career. He gained a draw in the first encounter and a split decision loss in the second bout. Only about fifteen boxers had gone the distance with Obed in 70 fights, but Kid Barr proved that all Bahamians are tough and

ready to fight.

Both Jim Malone of Wm. Brewer Co., distributors of Beck's Beer, and Everett Sands of Butler and Sands, distributors of Dewar's "White Label," have always supported the boxing shows staged by Kirk Tinker for Master Promotions. Recently Mr. Sands took a keen interest in Ernie Barr, 1975 Florida light heavyweight Golden Glove champ, now a pro in the House of Champions camp, arranged for Ernie to get advanced training in Florida, under the

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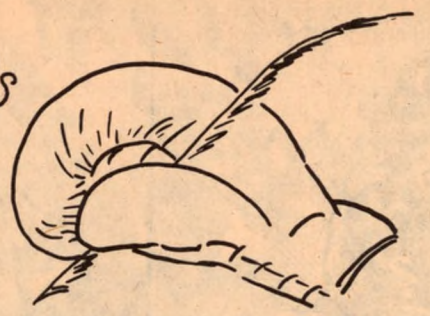
Packy Caruso & Ace Hawkins- ILLUSTRATED BY Gabe Perillo, STORY Richie Caggiano

# The Critic's Corner



**By JOAN F. LOUBET**

THE LIFE OF PETER JACKSON
Champion of Australia
by Tom Langley.
Illustrated by Graham Rigby.
78 pp. Leicester, England: $4.00

THE LIFE OF JOHN L. SULLIVAN
The Boston Strong Boy
by Tom Langley.
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Not available for review at press time:
THE LIFE OF TOM SAYERS
by Tom Langley

THE Prizefighters Library, starting with the biography of James Figg, marches along in a neat collection of small books for all the world like its famous predecessor, Beatrix Potter's *Peter Rabbit* series. The latest to reach our shores from Britain are *The Life of Peter Jackson, Champion of Australia*, and *The Life of John L. Sullivan, The Boston Strong Boy*.

Did you know that some people are shark-proof? Peter Jackson was, according to Tom Langley, author of these two slender volumes which hold so much affection for the sport and the fighters. For all their size, they tell a good deal of the men and their times. Sad that a great gentleman like Black Prince Peter should have been refused a match with John L. Sullivan with the words now historic, "I have never fought a black man and I never will," which was just as well for Sullivan, since according to Nat Fleischer, Jackson would probably have beaten John L. as decisively as Corbett did a little later.

Jackson encountered a fair share of discrimination in his lifetime, probably least in Australia, which he loved and considered home. A magnificent specimen in his prime, six-feet one and a half inches, "fourteen stone hard trained" in the incomparable Larry Foley's saloon in Sydney, his chest measured forty-five inches with a five inch expansion; his stomach, when he fought Corbett, an "armour plate of corrugated muscle." He is described variously as kindly, considerate, affable, chivalrous. These pay tribute to his character. Other tributes refer to his fighting prowess. Langley noted, on Jackson's first fight for a purse in the United States: "He outfought and outgeneraled Godfrey (George was considered to be in the same class with Sullivan). His performance was considered to be the finest display of the noble art seen on the West Coast since the days of John Carmel Heenan in the 1850's." Frank Slavin: "Peter, when I fought him, was unbeatable; he was the greatest of all the masters." James J. Corbett: "Jackson could beat any heavyweight I ever saw. I watched him box an exhibition with Bob Fitzsimmons, and it was like a professor giving a pupil a lesson. . . .He had everything."

The fights with Corbett and Slavin are, of course, reverently enshrined in boxing history. Langley ranks the latter second only to the Heenan-Sayers combat in 1860, and gives emotionally charged round-by-round accounts of both bouts.

Maybe Jackson wasn't shark-proof; maybe he didn't really fall from a telegraph pole he had shinnied in order to avoid hurting a dog or being bitten, thereby injuring his ankle before the Corbett fight—not, as previously accepted, having been thrown from his buggy. It doesn't matter. It all has the ring of truth and makes good reading.

So does the touching end of his life just before his fortieth birthday. He died in a friend's arms saying, "Corbett, Corbett, James J. Corbett, a truly great fighter." All credit to Australia, who erected a monument to the memory of its worthy champion and engraved under his likeness,

THIS WAS A MAN.

Illustrations by Graham Rigby for both books are profuse and enchanting, very black-and-white (except for the colored frontispieces), and are based on early photographs and authentic portraits of the period. Sketches of Barleythorpe Hall, where Jackson trained as a guest of Lord Lonsdale, were made on the spot and are charming studies.

John L. Sullivan is treated less sympathetically than the Black Prince, and with adequate reason. One marvels at the man. ". . .John inherited his big body and his ability to converse loudly and at length on any subject; whether or not he knew anything about it was beside the point. Generally, he did know what he was talking about, for he was a very intelligent, well-read man. When he was really talkative, usually in a saloon bar, he could mingle Anglo-Saxon four letter words with the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas with picturesque abandon."

Viewing Sullivan's early leaning towards baseball while he was a seminarian, one is reminded fleetingly of Rocky Marciano, but consider for a moment The Rock's rigorous training habits, and the resemblance vanishes. Sullivan would climb on and fall off the wagon regularly. Booze, women, the easy life of the stage would take their toll, and then he would train and appear as the invincible John L. once more. His rise was rapid, his successes sensational.

Everywhere he went worshipping crowds cheered him, and if his offhand manner offended a Richard K. Fox or a disapproving clergy, why should he care? He was John L. Sullivan and he could lick any man in the house!

If Langley devotes a good deal of space to the clashes with Charley Mitchell, he is following the mood of the press of that time. The ballyhoo was unprecedented. Before "the fight the world had been waiting for," Sullivan's progress to London was, as Langley puts it, in the nature of a Roman general's triumphal return from war.

"Sullivan! Sullivan!" howled the crowd. Even Queen Victoria was said to have watched his morning run from a carriage in the background. He performed for the Prince of Wales, and in case you've always wondered what went before the last line, here is the verse which was sung in every public bar:

*Perchance some day the Prince will King*
*Become, when value much*
*Enhanced to that same hand shall cling,*
*Which Sullivan did touch.*
*The loyal throngs as on they pass,*
*Shall step with more elan*
*To kiss the hand which got the squeeze*
*From John L. Sullivan.*

The fight itself, on the muddy grounds of Baron Rothschild's private park in Chantilly, France, makes one's bones ache at the account. Both men needed medical attention afterwards, which they received in jail. The doctor remarked that they had been trying to murder each other and had very nearly succeeded.

Undefeated until he met Corbett in 1892 at the age of 34, Sullivan bridged the eras

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## AUSTRALIA

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puzzling to Australian fight fans—that Brian Roberts has never been in world ratings. Yet Paul Ferreri was there for years, and there never was much between the two. Five times, prior to June this year, Roberts and Ferreri met, with never more than a point or two between them. Brian won one, one was a draw, Paul won the other three.

Ferreri showed his value when he went into the 12th round against Carlos Zarate for the W.B.C. bantam title, and it was a cut eye that brought the stoppage. Ferreri was not on the deck in the fight and he lasted longer than anyone else ever did against Zarate.

Makes the form of Brian Roberts look good, does it not?

In June this year Roberts tore off too many pounds to make weight for Ferreri in an Austalian title fight, and Brian was halted in the 15th round. It was the only time in his 41 fights that Roberts suffered defeat inside the scheduled distance.

He has lost six times on points, three of them being to Ferreri

Brian Roberts, a quiet gentlemanly Aboriginal, went to trainer Mike Fernandez's Eskineville (Sydney inner suburb) gymnasium early in 1972, began pelting punches in May that year as a flyweight and ran up victory after victory with his amazing speed of foot and hand.

To get fights he had to take on bantams, but still he won. When Paul Ferreri relinquished his Australian bantam title in 1975 Roberts met Big Jim West for the vacant crown, and after an exciting battle in which Roberts met his only trouble in the last round, Brian won on points. That was in August 1975. He made one defence then lost his title to Ferreri in March 1976, points decision.

In October 1976 Brian easily outpointed Australian featherweight champion Merv Wockner, non-title.

Roberts (born September 1953) is best around 123 pounds these days. He is chasing Wockner's title, but more importantly, he wants to chase the world champion in the nearly created juniorfeather (superbantam) class.

He will give a good account of himself.

### BILLY MULHOLLAND

"Don't send Mulholland to Tahiti. Apeang will kill him."

Sincere words of advice back in October 1975. But I had a great deal of faith in Billy Mulholland, and went with him and his trainer Peter Cairney to Tahiti (most beautiful place on earth). Billy boxed magnificiently to outpoint southpaw Maurice Apeang, and to show it was not a fluke, he repeated his points win in March 1976.

21-year-old Billy Mulholland is stocky, scales around 132, is clever but aggressive and for my money is the most exciting fighter to watch in Australia.

As a referee of 5,000 fights I have officiated in some good ones, but the best I ever refereed was the second meeting between Billy Mulholland and Brian Clout (won by Mulholland narrowly). Two of Billy's fights with Dennis Talbot and his first with Clout (all won by Mulholland) would be among the 10 most exciting fights I have refereed.

Mulholland had an amateur career, then turned pro in 1973 as a featherweight. In 1974 he won the New South Wales State feather title. The following year he added the state lightweight crown, and in 1976 he won the state junior lightweight title. He held the three simultaneously, a unique event in Australian boxing.

In 1974 Mulholland made two attempts to win the Australian featherweight title, but was turned back each time by champion Tony Ryder. As referee I stopped the first one in the 12th round, the second in the 13th. Both fights were great, both were close on the scorecards of the three officials at the time of the stoppages.

Taking that extra two or three pounds off his frame weakened Mulholland, and after winning his third state title, Billy relinquished the feather weight crown. He beat Ryder in an overweight match and is chasing an Australian lightweight title fight with Lachy "Baby Cassius" Austin.

His pro record shows 27 victories, seven defeats and one draw in 35 fights.

### NEIL PATTEL

In February 1976 a youngster from Townsville, in northern Queensland, created quite a stir when he outpounted John Layton over six rounds at Blacktown (N.S.W.). Fans asked questions about this clever "newcomer." But Neil Pattel was not a newcomer. He had drifted down to Sydney in 1973, had nine prelim bouts (he lost the first two), then returned to Townsville and forgot about boxing. He made his return to glove action in the Layton fight.

Neil is a clever boxer, game and tough. Born in August 1956, he began amateur boxing at 13, had 54 lilywhite fights, collecting junior and minor senior titles, and turned professional because he refused to have his hair cut!

Pattel was trying to get into the Commonwealth Games team. He reached the final of the light welter division in Queensland in 1973, but was told that he must have his hair cut before competing. He refused, so was not allowed to compete in the final!

Young Lance Hughes, who had taught Pattel right from the start, continued as his trainer through Neil's 1973 sojourn into the pro ranks, but when Pattel made his return to the ring in 1976 he was under the care of Kevin McWilliams in Sydney.

Three more wins over six rounds followed the Layton bout, then Pattel drew with Mark Barnett in a solid eight-rounder. In May last year he outpointed Ross Eddie over ten, and that was a highly commendable win, as Eadie is one of the hardest to beat fighters in Australia.

He followed with two more wins over Layton, each over 10 rounds, but lost to Johnny Holt who three weeks later won the Australian junior middleweight title.

In September, Pattel clearly outpointed experienced Wally Carr, but then was put in over his head; he met Hector Thompson in October. Pattel gave a courageous display but the referee stopped the fight in the 8th round. It was found later that Neil had suffered a broken jaw in the fight.

That kept him out of action until July 6 this year when he halted Phil Khan in the eighth round of a bout billed for the N.S.W. State welterweight title.

Right now Neil is challenging for the Australian welter title. Perhaps he will go after the junior middle crown, too, because the champion of that class now is Young Layton, three time loser to Pattel.

In 21 paid bouts Pattel has won 14 by sheer boxing ability (one one KO). He has had three draws and four losses, the only man to stop him being Hector Thompson.

### STEVE BUTLER

A record of five wins, one draw, five losses in elevzn fights does not measure up well on paper, but young welter Steve Butler is a boy with a future. He is a superb boxer, a lad who remains unruffled under all circumstances and has the uncanny knack of being able to score through loopholes that appear not big enough to take the bare fist, let alone a boxing glove.

Steve Butler (real name Farrell) did not find it easy to reach his present stage, as witness his record, but trainer Bert Williams of Melbourne saw Steve's potential when the kid turned up in his gym in late 1973, aged 17.

Williams kept him in the gym for about 12 months before allowing him to compete in the ring. Two threes, three fours and two sixes followed, with the score being four wins, three points losses. Then it was two eight-rounders at Blacktown, N.S.W., against Kim McCain for a draw and a loss. That was in May 1975.

Butler retired, but being married with two children, the 20-year-old made a return to the ring in April this year. A cut eye forced him out in the fifth round of a sixer against Gavin Hutchison at Melbourne Festival Hall. But in June he turned up in Sydney and gave a sparkling exhibition of boxing to easily outpoint aggressive Dave Agnew in a main event. It was his first main, but it will not be his last. This boy is classy.

### STEVE BELL

Steve Bell is unusual in Australian boxing today in that he has to watch that his weight does not fall too far below the flyweight limit of 112 pounds.

When he started out professionally in 1970 there were so few flyweights that he met only ten opponents in his first 28 fights! He beat Wayne Wallace eight times in their

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**MAURICE TOWELL, LEFT, CONDUCTS A BUSINESS CONFERENCE. THE SUBJECT IS BOXING, OF COURSE.**

# South Africa's Maurice Towell, Tough Head Man of Boxing

**By LESTER BROMBERG**

MAURICE Towell may seem limited upon first impression, but gradually you realize this wheel-locked man, a polio victim almost his entire life, is a fighting fight promoter.

Today at 47, he is the self-made, hard-earned head man of boxing in South Africa, a wide-stretching, though distant, stronghold of the boxing game. He would be the first to proclaim that he isn't the only promoter in the nation, but you can easily guess why there is no close second.

His reputation, after a career as a fight manager and as a promoter, literally is world wide. Soft-spoken but incisive, he accepts his role of leader.

"Yes, I think they know me," he says matter of factly.

He has staged world light heavyweight championships between Bob Foster and Pierre Fourie, Victor Galindez and Richie Kates, all names of distinction and they supplied the ultimate proof—they drew record gatherings and record gates.

He was interviewed in the Sheraton Hotel in New York on a day when biting winds in the winter sent him to his room.

"This isn't like home," he said. "It's summer down there in January where we are, you could be going down to the beach."

As he sat on the bed, you realize that Towell is a person of power. His legs, which have undergone numberless, and fruitless, operations, are dwarfed. But his shoulders and arms bespeak sheer strength.

"I exercise," he said, "I swim regularly back home."

You have a vision what it might be like if you should run into an angry mood of this quiet man; he'd probably crush you between those shoulders and arms.

When the visit was occasionally interrupted by phone calls, you are impressed by the direct and candid economy with which he carried on conversations.

When the person on the line, a newspaperman obviously, pressed Towell for the terms to be paid a fighter, he clearly didn't choose to answer.

"I rather not discuss that," he said, "perhaps you may get it discussing with the fighter."

Don't misunderstand. He loves to talk fights, he is tenderly proud of his brothers, good boxers themselves, known the world over as the "Towells of South Africa."

"You know I have been to the United States half a dozen times at least, I admire the boxing world of America" he said.

"You (the writer) may not remember it," he continued, "but you took me to the most thrilling experience of my life. (Truthfully, the writer didn't remember) you took me and my brother, Willie, to a boxing writers dinner in New York at which Jack Dempsey was honored."

"I have always felt that Dempsey symbolized everything a fighter should be—tigerish, a puncher, in short, a thrill-provider. Let's fact it, he is my hero.

"When he got up I was a-tingle. What he said doesn't matter, it was listening and seeing him. When he finished, I got to my feet. ."

Towell smiled. "I stood there and clapped for over ten minutes, my night was complete."

You could see what this meant to him, his round, still boyish face, framed by a bushy head of brown hair, was beaming.

Then he talked shop.

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# Haley Clowns In the Ring, But Is Serious About Title

By MIKE MARLEY

THERE is, one must admit, a certain madness to Leroy Haley's boxing method.

It's not every professional fighter who does cartwheels in the ring after a victory or drops his hands and sticks his tongue out at opponents. Most boxers don't try to carry on a conversation with their opponents or try to sit on their stool.

But in Las Vegas, where the populace is blase about most acts, you've gotta to do something extraordinary to get attention. Even athletes here are competing with Frank Sinatra, Wayne Newton and Totie Fields.

Haley, a 24-year-old lightweight or junior welterweight who owns a 30-1-1 record and the state crown at 142 pounds, realizes this.

"Sure, I play in the ring," the Texarkana, Ark., native who graduated from Rancho High School (North Las Vegas) says. "I like to enjoy what I'm doing. My clowning can make a fight exciting. But I only do it when I'm way ahead of a guy."

The fans do come out to see Haley's "show" but some, he feels, would like to see him get beaten.

"I'm like Ali, though, I figure if they pay to get in, it is cool. Some like me, some don't. As long as I keep on winning, they'll keep coming out."

Haley's constant chatter and cocky attitude isn't his only redeeming social value. He's also a very talented fighter.

The critics thought Haley might have hit a dead end when he was held to a draw April 6 (1977) by Mexico's former national lightweight champion Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez. Coming off a good win over Augustine Estrada, Haley was sloppy against Bermudez.

But Haley bounced back when he and the 22-year-old from Culiacan, Sinaloa, were paired over a 12-round distance May 4 for the vacant state

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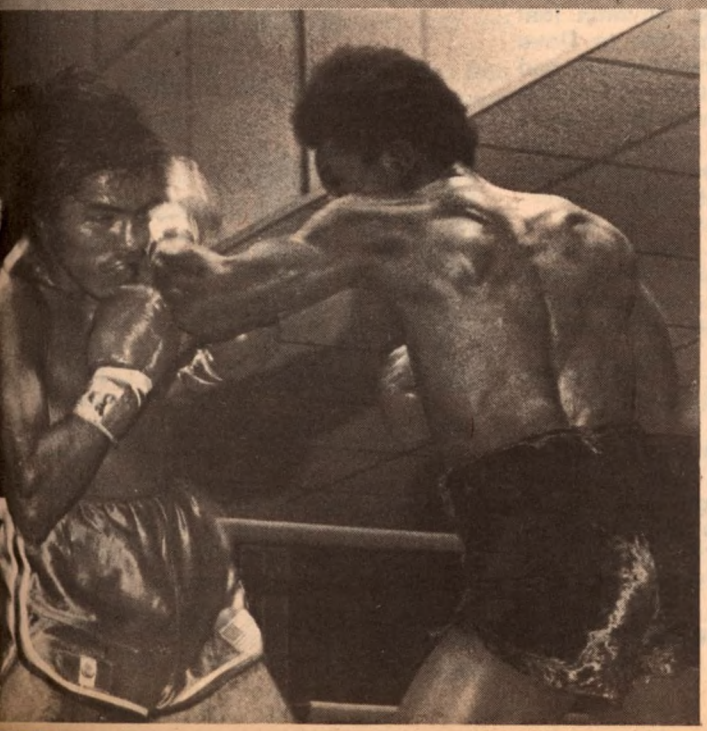

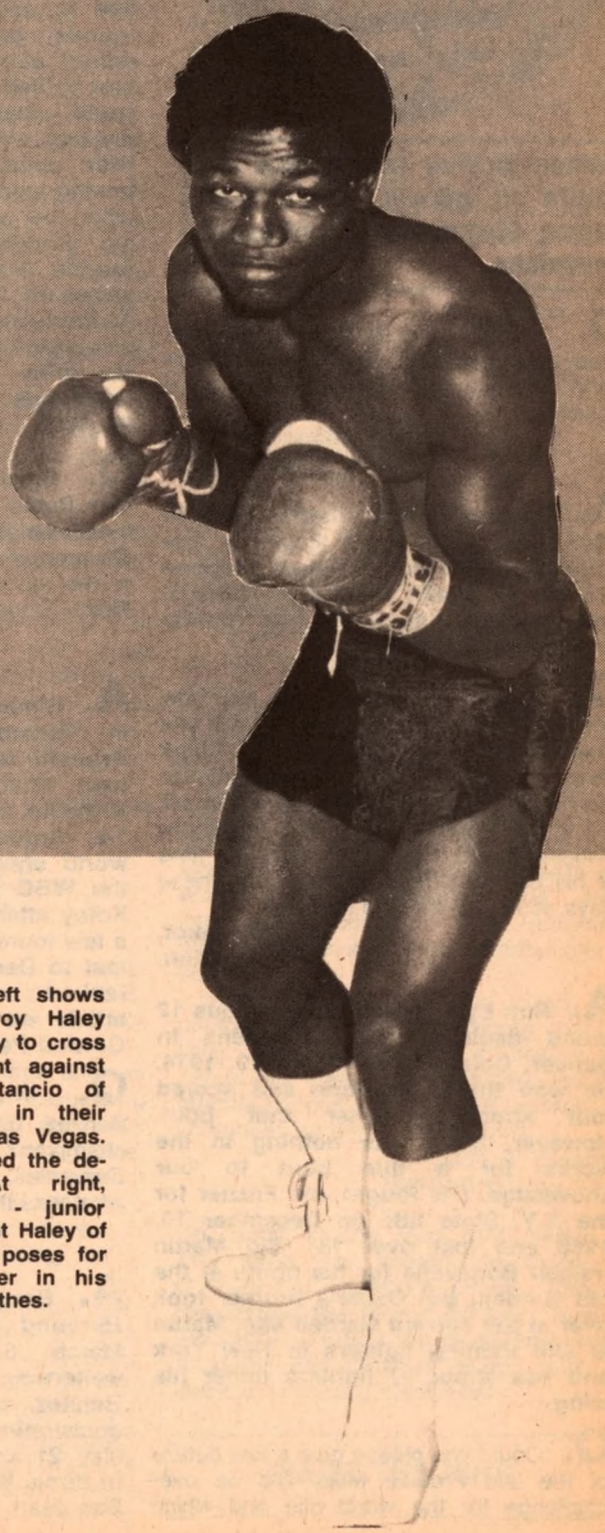

**Photo at left shows "Irish" Leroy Haley (right) ready to cross with a right against Pete Constancio of Bakersfield in their battle at Las Vegas. Haley gained the decision. At right, lightweight - junior welterweight Haley of Las Vegas poses for photographer in his working clothes.**

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**Q.** I would like to know the dates, sites and results of the fights between John Thomas and Enrique Bolanos, if possible.

**Mandro Alvarez**
**Los Angeles, Calif.**

**A. Bolanos fought Thomas twice in 1947. Both bouts were staged in Los Angeles, California. Bolanos stopped Thomas in seven rounds on June 3, and knocked him out in four rounds on September 30.**

**Q.** Could you please tell me how decisively Ron Lyle beat my idol, the late Oscar Bonavena in March of 1974. And if there was still a chance to get a shot at the heavyweight title? Could you also tell me if Sid Martin was still the trainer for Bonavena and if not, who as at the time of his death? Where is Sid Martin these days. Is he still training fighters?

**David Fronkot,**
**St. Paul, Minn.**

**A. Ron Lyle scored a unanimous 12 round decision over Bonavena in Denver, Colorado on March 19, 1974. He won three decisions and scored four knockouts after that bout. However, there was nothing in the works for a title bout to our knowledge. (He fought Joe Frazier for the N.Y. State title on December 10, 1968 and lost over 15). Sid Martin trained Bonavena for his fights at the old Garden, but Oscar's brother took over at the current Garden site. Martin is still training fighters in New York and has about 12 fighters under his wing.**

**Q.** Could you please give a few details of the late Freddie Mills. Did he ever challenge for the world title and which year did he retire and also what was his ring record? My Ring Record Book is on order. My bet is he never fought for the title.

**A. W. Kirby**
**Daventry, Northants**
**England**

**A. You lose. In 1948 (July 26) Freddie Mills defeated Gus Lesnevitch in London for the light heavyweight championship of the world. He lost the title to Joey Maxim by a KO in 10 rounds, on January 24, 1950 and retired after the fight. Mills was the first British Empire champion to win a world championship in a heavier division since Ted Kid Lewis' prime. Mills came to the attention of the boxing world for the first time in 1942 when he won the British Empire title by stopping Len Harvey in two rounds. A summarization of his career shows 96 fights with 73 victories, 52 of them by kayo, 21 by decision. He was outpointed 11 times, appeared in six draw battles and suffered six knockouts. He died in London on July 25, 1965.**

**Q.** What did Ruben Olivares' victory over Bobby Chacon settle as far as the featherweight title is concerned? Was Olivares the undisputed world champion or the top contender? Also, where does Alexis Arguello stand in the division?

**James Smith**
**Falls City, Neb.**

**A. It made the Arguello-Riasco bout in Panama for the vacant title. Arguello kayoed Olivaries, who then beat Chacon for the WBC crown. Arguello and Riasco were then rated 1-2. Arguello is rated featherweight world champ currently. Olivares lost the WBC featherweight title to Dave Kotey after winning over Chacon, had a few more bouts and then quit. Kotey lost to Danny Lopez who is currently ranked second to Arguello. (See article on Arguello and Benitez by Gordon Peterson in this issue).**

**Q.** What's all this about Wilfredo Benitez being the junior welterweight champion? If he did beat Antonino Cervantes, where was it, when was it, what was the result?

**Bill Murphy**
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

**A. Benitez defeated Cerventes in a 15-round decision at San Juan on March 6, 1976, for the junior welterweight crown. In the same year, Benitez defended the title twice, decisioning Emiliano in 15 rounds on May 21 and stopping Tony Petronelli in three. Both defenses were fought in San Juan.**

**Q.** In regard to Jack Johnson refusing to defend his title against other blacks; wasn't the draw with Jim Johnson in Paris (December 19, 1913) considered a title fight?

**Tom Ross**
**Beloit, Wis.**

**A. Yes, it is listed as a title fight in the Boxing Encyclopedia.**

**Q.** Can you please tell me if the following fighters were of Italian extraction: Fireman Jim Flynn, Luis Firpo, Oscar Bonavena, Rocky Mattioli, Paul Ferreri, Al Migliorato, Dino Dennis, Gregorio Peralta and Mario Guilloti?

**Nick Coviello**
**Thornwood, N.Y.**

**A. All of the above fighters were of Italian extraction with the possible exception of Oscar Bonavena and Gregorio Peralta.**

**Q.** How many times did Max Baer knock Primo Carnera down in winning the heavyweight championship in 1934? Also, how many times did Floyd Patterson hit the deck when he lost the world heavyweight title to Ingemar Johansson in 1959?

**Dan Donovan**
**Plainview, N.Y.**

**A. Max Baer knocked out Primo Carnera in 11 rounds in winning the title. Carnera was on the canvas 11 times. Johannson kayoed Patterson the three rounds in their 1959 fight. Patterson was dropped seven times.**


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## KEEP PUNCHING FOR HANDICAPPED

I am writing you concerning handicapped fighters. I have been an amateur fighter since 1973. I have never been able to fight in Golden Gloves competition. Once in 1975, I tried to weigh in and enter the Huntington, West Virginia, Golden Gloves tournament and was turned down by a rule that DID NOT apply to me. (It was printed in the Huntington paper.)

My biggest concern is for the handicapped children of the world and, most of all, when the day comes that I have a son. You see, I have polio in my right leg and hip.

I would appreciate it if you would help bring my story to the people in hopes of overcoming the one and only handicap—"fear" of something they are not confronted with.

**Ken Roe**
**Memphis, Tennessee**

P.S. My boxing record is 20-5.

## A VISIT WITH FRANKIE CRAWFORD

I came out to California to visit a former amateur fighter from Cleveland—Irish Frankie Crawford—who turned pro and went on to fight Shoze Saijo for the WBA featherweight title twice (1970-71). Crawford is now paralyzed from the waist down from a shooting incident that happened in Vegas. His morale is up, his spirit is up, but his pocketbook is down and out. It's too bad. He made a lot and spent it all. He saved nothing for a rainy day nor for his two boys. I was out here before and he keeps telling me if I had stayed in boxing, it's possible WE could have fought for the world title. I guess he's just trying to be a good sport because I beat him when we were in the amateurs.

**Gary Korvath**
**Cleveland, Ohio**

## TWO FOR DON SAUER

Just thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know how much my partner, Jimmy Bivins (former duration heavyweight champion of the world) and myself enjoy reading "Sailor" Don Sauer's Ringside column each month in the Ring Magazine. Sailor Don maintains a consistently high standard of accurate and factual reporting in his column and it is the first thing I read after checking the Ratings for the month.

You may not be aware that Jimmy and I have recently (January, 1977) reopened our "Old Angle Gymnasium" at West 30th & Bridge Avenues in Cleveland, Ohio (in the Westside Community House) and will have a good stable of amateurs when the Golden Gloves Tournament starts next year.

Once again, we would like to commend Sailor Don's column and Ring Magazine for excellence in reporting boxing news. I look forward to reading both each month. Keep up the good work.

**Gregory R. Horvath**
**Cleveland, Ohio**

Just dropping you a line to let you know how much I enjoy your great boxing magazine. My special reason for writing this letter is to tell you I enjoy Ringside with "Sailor" Don Sauer. His articles are great. Please let Don know how much I appreciate his column.

**Louis R. Orlando**

## U.S. TOURNEY GOOD IDEA

I would like to thank you for your article "The Ring's Role in the U.S. Championship Tourney" in the July '77 issue of The Ring.

The Ring magazine has made and will continue to make an outstanding contribution to world boxing since Nat Fleischer founded the magazine. Likewise the idea of the U.S. Tournament was a good one which could have resulted in a new wave of interest in boxing especially in the unsung lighter divisions.

Let's hope the fans will not turn away from our great sport because of the over zealous desires of a few individuals. Regardless of the inflated records, Vonzell Johnson, Richard Rozelle and Greg Coverson are capable boxers who have a bright future in boxing. Let's hope the promoters will not snub these excellent boxers for an error in judgement by manager Grooms and his assistants.

**Brian Zelley**
**Victoria Athletic Assoc.**
**Victoria, B.C.**

## LATE MAXIE ROSENBLOOM MOVIE IN THE MAKING

The movie, "Slapsie Maxie," which went into production in June, is the true life story of the late "Slapsie Maxie" Rosenbloom, former light heavyweight champion of the world. I am sure many of your readers will be interested to know the script was bought by United Artist Studios.

The projected plans for the cast will have Paul Newman as Maxie, Barbara Streisand as his wife, Broderick Crawford as his trainer and David Roth as Maxie's manager.

**Joe D. Roth**
**Hollywood, Calif.**

## HE LIKES OUR STYLE

In the July 1977 issue, The Ring proved to be mightier than the unfounded attacks on its sincerity that bounced around the pugilistic world. While claim and counter-claims were thrown, the "Bible of Boxing" stoically maintained itself as the trumpeteer of the sport and its personalities.

It goes without question that the stories on last month's fights were strong, but James Merolla's article ("Monzon, Galindez not Argentina's Only Claims to Fame") especially brought out the value of boxing and The Ring.

Merolla's analysis, in his nice style, of the boxing history of Argentina reflects the tradition of the sport and the country. One could not help but respect the boxers of this country and, more importantly, consider with reverance other cultures and their contributions to boxing.

It is articles such as these that reinforces the tradition of boxing and The Ring. I hope that other articles of this nature will appear in the future and that Merolla (whose by-line is not familiar) will contribute his efforts once more.

**Carl A. Esterhay**
**Fairport Harbor, Ohio**

**Ed. Note: In the May, 1977 issue of The Ring, an answer to John M. O'Brien of Franklin Park, Illinois, requesting the record of Ray "Sugar" Robinson omitted his decision losses. Actually the "Sugar Man" lost 18 decisions during his career.**

**READ THE RING**

UP AND DOWN

# Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

JOHN F. X. Condon, vice-president and public relations man for Madison Square Garden, staged a whale of an outdoor get-together on Mulberry near Canal St., one block from Mott St., where we once lived, and it was one of the best ever. It was a real treat and worthy of more than a mere mention. The folks from that neighborhood, where we spent our early days, sure enjoyed it and they were thrilled. It was held outside the Lo Bella Ferrara popular pastry spot.

Former two-time heavyweight king, Floyd Patterson, now one of our State Athletic Commissioners, came down from New Paltz, N.Y., to engage in a couple of settos with two of his pupils from his home town, while ex-heayweight boss Joe Frazier also received plaudits as he worked a couple of rounds with his son, Marvin. Willie Pep, ex-feather king, refereed the bouts.

Condon, who was the M.C., introduced plenty of celebrities, among them Bill Gallo, Daily News cartoonist, Lou Salica, twice bantam king, Arthur Mercante, New York's popular ring arbiter, and numerous others who helped make the occasion a memorable one. It was a show that brought back memories of the old fight days to the folks now living in Mulberry Bend. Not forgetting Vito Antuoferno. Dominica Monaco and Harold Weston, Jr., and pallie, Duke Stefano, assistant Garden matchmaker.

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Woody Goss, of Lancaster, Pa., a real fight buff, sent us a clipping of the passing last June of Johnny Houck, famous boxing historian, who passed away at 78. Houck boxed way back between 1915 and 1919 as a welterweight and was considered a real performer. Johnny followed in the footsteps of his brother. Leo, a great gladiator in his day and one of the first men Al Lippe, popular manager, took to Europe to display his wares. The deceased was the youngest one of the famous four fighting Houck brothers, who actually put Lancaster on the fistic map.

The younger Houck finally wound up as a boxing historian and always was a booster of the sport at which he and his brothers made early pugilistic history following his boxing career Johnny became a football player with the St. Joseph Catholic Church Club that went on to capture some pigskin crowns. But boxingnqus his first love and Johnny became a ring historian. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Edward and Woerner

**Former heavyweight champ Floyd Patterson recently boxed an exhibition with young boxers he is training.**

Hauck. He is survived by two daughters, Joan and Dolores, and numerous other relatives.

Incidentally, Goss, in his notice about Hauck's passing, informs us that the only good fighter left in Lancaster is Rosy Stoy and Johnny Gill, a native of Cloubat, Pa.

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At the Madison Square Garden fights in June, Mickey Katz, well-known personality and welfare officer of the Veterans Boxing Association Ring 8, was accompanied by his friend, Sid Rose, a well-known pre-war days English fighter.

During World War II, Sid was a boxing instructor with the Fifth Battalion of the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry. Sid Rose had some 73 fights, losing only 15 of them. Among his opponents were Harry Brooks, Kid Lees, Harry Horon, Al Church, Young Hatton, Bobby Dobbs, Sonny Smith and Jimmy Lee, who Sid KO'd in two rounds, just to mention a few.

Sid is a member of the London Ex-Boxers Association, of which Mickey Katz is the American Ambassador. When in New York, Sid always attends the meetings of Ring 8, where among his friends he counts Cpl. Izzy Schwartz, Ruby Goldstein, Al Reid, Kid Farlo, Jack Lubelsky, Jerry Griffith and many others too numerous to mention.

Sid is a regular visitor to New York each year, where his daughter Bernice, husband Willy, and their two children, Marc and Paul, live. He also has a son Richard and wife Cynthia, who has a haircutting salon on Madison Avenue. They too, have two children, Gideon and Phoebe. Sid's children and grandchildren are the reasons he comes to New York so frequently. Recently, Sid Rose suffered an aneurysm in the spinal cord which caused paralysis from the waist down, but he manges to get around on crutches. At the time of this writing, Sid is making a remarkable recovery and all the sporting fraternity in New York hope to see him walking without the aid of crutches in the near future.

During his heyday, Sid was a regular performer at the famous Blackfriars Ring.

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The news of the death of Louis J. Brecker, 78, founder of Roseland Dance City on 52nd St. west of Broadway, recalls his early days when he and his wife, Dorothy, opened up their famous place on Broadway on New Year's eve in 1919. They were noted for their Harvest Moon Ball. Many stage celebrities appeared at their popular spot, among them George Raft, Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Bette Davis and Myrna Loy. At one time, they ran boxing shows for female boxers and we broadcast them for Adam Hats. Louis was a fine man and he and his wife were popular.

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While boxing news may be slow during the hot weather days, there's always plenty to write about. People still love our Queensberry sport. Our correspondents are varied. Here's one we received the other day from Murray MicLean, secretary of St. Paul Professional Boxing Club, Inc., an unusual one, showing that interest in boxing is still rampant throughout the country. McLean's contribution is an unusual one and we pass it along to our Up and Down Broadway readers. We quote:

"Murray McLean, eighty five years old who has spent sixty-five years in the boxing game, names the following candidates for the Hall of Fame that he has seen fight. Marty Burke, Jack Delaney, Tiger Flowers, Jock Malone, Eddie McGoorty, Billy Miske, Pinky Mitchell, Harlem Tommy Murphy, Mike O'Dowd, Earl Puryear, Midget Smith, Maxie Rosenbloom, Jeff Smith, Bud Taylor

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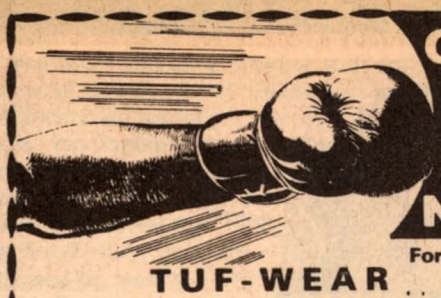

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The late Boston fight promoter Sam Silverman uses two phones to arrange bouts in Massachusetts. During his career Silverman promoted throughout the New England states.

# am Silverman, Controversial New England Promoter, Dies

By JOE LEE

THE career of one of the most controversial and successful boxing promoters in the history of New England came to an end in mid-July with the death of Sam Silverman, the man who parlayed hopeful fighters in small cities to a position of prominence with title fights in the Boston Garden.

The 64-year-old promoter who was born on Christmas Day, was the stormy petrel of the fight game, and he touched all bases as he fought the then International Boxing Club as a monopolistic octopus; fought against televised bouts, then joined the ranks and permitted TV to survive. Survived only because he wasn't at home when someone dynamited his home in Chelsea, Mass. shortly after midnight on June 26, 1954, which was never solved.

Another time, a bullet was fired into his house, just missing his wife. Then, one night near Boston Garden, Silverman was beaten by an assailant wearing brass knuckles.

All of these incidents were attributed to the fact that Silverman and Ray Arcel, a rival promoter who was also beaten, refused to give into strong arm groups trying to attain control of boxing in Boston.

Because he overcame adversity and bounced back in his promotion operations, he was known as Unsinkable Sam to many in the inner circle of the sport. He was also known as the "Chain Store Promoter." There was a time when he promoted bouts in four or five cities in one week over a period of time with success. The New England promoter even operated two clubs in different cities on the same night.

His infatuation for the game started when he was 15 years old and was expelled from High School because he took a fighter to Maine in which the boy suffered a broken jaw.

He was more or less pushed out of boxing a year later because he was too young. However, he stayed close to the game and its people, and five years later he was promoting fights in New Bedford, Fall River, Worcester, Providence, Woonsocket, New Haven, Springfield and Lynn and staged more than 800 shows in five years.

Silverman had a knack of making clubs successful where others had struck out. His simple formula was to give the fans young fighters who fight and presented them every week regularly. His favorite stepping stone story was the one about the years when he ran 52 straight weeks without a miss in New Bedford, Fall River and Worcester.

Silverman credited Ray Sugar Robinson as the greatest fighter he ever saw and Lew Jekins the hardest hitter. A great believer in promoting young fighters and gradually moving them along in his chain system plan, Silverman booked many ring stars in their early stages including the late Rocky Marciano, heavyweight champion of the

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## GENE TUNNEY

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round.

Tunney's military service did not end when he was honorably discharged in 1919. Following his initial victory over Dempsey, Gene was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Volunteer Marine Corps reserve on September 24, 1926. He was promoted to Captain in November 1928, and served with various Eastern Area Reserve Units until he resigned on January 4, 1936.

On December 20, 1940, the late Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, commissioned the former heavyweight champion a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve. He reported on January 3, 1941, as Physical Director and Coordinator of Physical Education and was assigned duty in connection with the athletic programs of Naval Air Stations, Pensacola, Florida; Corpus Christi, Texas and Jacksonville and Miami, Florida.

In April 1941 Tunney became Assistant to the Officer in Charge, Welfare and Recreation Section, Training Division, Bureau of Navigation, (now Bureau of Naval Personnel).

In March 1942, when the Physical Training Section was established as a unit of the Training Division, he was appointed commanding officer of the section, with cognizance over the development and administration of a program of physical fitness for the Navy; the establishment of personnel needs; the initiation of procurement through routine channels of such personnel; the maintenance of contacts with schools, colleges and the public and the handling of all matters pertaining to this program.

He was advanced to the rank of Commander at this time.

During the first of two temporary assignments from July 10, 1943, to January 25, 1944, Commander Tunney reported to the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, for duty in connection with the study of physical fitness and maintenance of personnel.

In the second assignment May 26 through August 15, 1944, he had similar duties with the Fifteenth Naval District.

The next tour of duty caused Commander Tunney to return to the Bureau of Naval Personnel where he was appointed Special Advisor to the Chief of Naval Personnel for Physical Training.

In connection with these duties he made extensive visits to the various fleets in the interests of the Navy's physical training activities afloat and in the forward areas.

On the 169th anniversary of the Marine Corps, Tunney spoke to a large group of Marines on the November 10, 1944, and is recorded as saying these stirring words.

"I have had a great deal of contact with the men of the new Marine Corps during my last tour of duty in the Pacific. The Corps is bigger and better than ever—and that BETTER means BETTER than BEST. Because the Marines of Belleau Wood and Chateau Thierry were the best."

Commander Tunney closed his address that night saying, "Actually, there are around 500,000 Marines in all—not very many in comparison to our other two great branches of service. . .But I'd bet on 'em to land on the beachhead of HELL—against the Devil himself."

Commander Tunney completed his mission in April 1945, and was returned to inactive duty on May 17, 1945. On that date he was presented a Letter of Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy and authorized to wear the Navy Commendation Ribbon.

Commander Tunney was eligible for promotion to Captain before beginning his terminal leave in May 1945, but his leave expired before promotion could be affected. Then, in December 1945, Commander Tunney was authorized to bear the official title and wear the gold braid and uniform of *Captain, United States Navy*.

In addition to the Commendation Ribbon, Captain Tunney is authorized to wear the American Defense Service Medal, The Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal. The American Area Campaign Medal and World War Two Victory Medal.

Gene Tunney was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1955.

## CERVANTES WINS

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The new champion has boxed Giminez before. He kayoed him in five rounds on September 8, 1973, in Bogota, Colombia.

Giminez was kayoed in his last bout.

Carlos' manager, Tito Lectoure, objected to the referee's halting the bout. He leaped into the ring and slapped Martin Demptkin in the face. Tito stated "The referee has been dishonest. There was no reason to stop the fight because during the whole round (fifth), there was no bleeding."

The decision by the referee to stop the bout was due to a cut eye (the eye was opened in the third round), was lustily disapproved of by the crowd.

Giminez' comment: "They have no dignity. How can they do this to me!"

## THE CRITIC'S CORNER

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between the bare knuckle prize fight and the modern glove contest. Marquis of Queensberry Rules held for the Corbett fight, and never again was a premier fight to take place under London Prize Rules.

The next few years found the pattern of Sullivan's life seesawing between drunkeness and abstinence, bankruptcy and solvency, until the morning he looked into a mirror at his reflection, dashed his emptied glass to the floor, and announced, "That was the last drink John L. Sullivan will ever have."

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# Angelo Senito Boxing Buff Par Excellence

By LEE JOSEPH

Angelo Sinito checks through one of his many boxing encyclopedias to answer a query from a friend. He has all the boxing answers in his collection on boxing.

WE have come across many boxing buffs in the course of earning our daily bread in the offices of the Ring magazine, but one of the most dedicated fans among our visitors has to be Angelo Sinito of Bayside, New York, a successful businessman who knows all the P's and Q's of the boxing game.

You hear a lot of middle-aged fellows who talk about the "Good Old Days," but the 62-year-old grandfather of four appreciates the current crop of fighters as much as he does the oldtimers. His zest and interest in the game spreads almost around the world.

While his pretty wife, Lucy, jokingly calls Angelo a "frustrated boxer," Angelo quickly retorts with "Boxing is my game." And it has been an important part of his life, both in his role as an historian and in a physical fitness program.

Sinito dates back to the days when radio-versions of boxing bouts were the thing and he clearly remembers listening to the night Tony Canzoneri belted out Al Singer in the first round for the lightweight championship. It was an inspiration for Angelo who had just taken a beating in a street fight in East Harlem on 107th street between 1st and 2nd Avenues. He had to learn how to box for his own self preservation.

Sinito dedicated his mind and body to the sport. He boxed an average of 14 rounds every day, did 20 miles of roadwork in Central Park around the resevoir and trained like a professional boxer, rope skipping, shadow boxing, punching the light and heavy bags, and boxing twice a week in a gym set up in a two-car garage.

Aside from the physical training, he started to collect and save Ring magazines, Ring and Everlast record books and now has a near perfect collection which includes 47 years of bound volumes of Ring magazines and 53 years of Ring and Everlast record books, dating back from 1922 to 1977.

To make Sinito a truly happy man, he would like to acquire the 1942 *Ring Record*

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# RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

**By DON SAUER**

THERE has been talk for years about safety measures at boxing shows around the world, and it is now required by most jurisdictions that a stretcher be placed under the ring in case of an emergency, BUT, more important, an oxygen tank should be available around the ring somewhere as the late PETE RIELLY did for his boxers years back. The boxing commissions around the world should see that promoters get one and in a hurry—it could very well save a boxer's life! CURTIS COKES said when he was the welterweight champion that he would never end up broke, like so many in boxing, but a divorce and bankruptcy soon left CURTIS penniless. Now he's smiling again. Remarried, with a good job as a tire store manager in Dallas and a steady paycheck—he was a true champion, he came back from the knockdown. . . .LAURO SALAS, former world lightweight king for a short time, gave up Chicago—he couldn't take the cold any longer—LAURO is now back in Monterrey, Mexico, where he owns a meat market and drug store. It's been 25 years (where does the time fly?) since SALAS beat JIMMY CARTER for the title. . . .JIMMY CORKUM out of Brockton, Massachusetts, is a 17-year-old high school student who can fight a bit, but he has been boxing two minute rounds. Now he must fight the minute rounds—we'll see how he does from here. I like his aggressive style. . . . When SEAN O'GRADY duked DAVEY VASQUEZ in N.Y.'s Garden, it was a match between the tallest bantamweight (O'GRADY) 5'2". VASQUEZ ducked down to become even a smaller target to hit, and O'GRADY with the stand-up style solved him to earn the duke. . . . The new boxing commissioner in Massachusetts is JOSEPH C. WRIGHT, of Arlington, Massachusetts. JOE has been associated with Arlington Boys Club youth programs and is the supervisor of grounds and maintenance at Harvard University. . . . West coast rail-birds are worried a bit about the hand of featherweight champ DANNY LOPEZ. He underwent surgery in late February to have bone chips removed from the middle finger of his right hand. The operation was supposed to have been relatively uncomplicated. Now LOPEZ has tested the hand several times and it still bothers him. . . . ABIE BAIN, who once fought the late MAXIE ROSENBLOOM in the N.Y. Garden for the light heavyweight

**WBC Featherweight champ Danny Lopez, who underwent surgery to remove bone chips from his right hand in February, is still not thoroughly recovered.**

title, visited with ANGELO DUNDEE and SUGAR RAY LEONARD when they were in Hartford, Connecticut, for the VINNIE DE BARROS match. BAIN turned up at the gym with his old trainer, NATE SAMUELS, believe it or not. . . . JOHNNY CESARIO, who is a first class guy and was a top ranked contender not too long ago, is the concession manager of the Hartford Civic Autitorium. JOHNNY DUKE is doing a good job with the amateurs up that way too. . . . Now that BENNIE BRISCOE has completely recovered from arecent appendectomy, he is back and boxing better than ever. This guy is ageless!! Ex-lightweight king BOB MONTGOMERY, still an active guy in Philadelphia is a member of Philadelphia's Gang Control Unit, helping young Philadelphias stay alive and healthy by keeping them out of the gang wars, which are so prevelant in the City of Brotherly Love! MONTGOMERY, when champion, boxed under the aegis of my good friend JOE GRAMBY, who has RICHIE KATES and is just back from Rome where KATES lost a 15 rounder to the W.B.A. champ, VICTOR GALINDEZ. . . . One of the late TYRONE EVERETT'S last deeds was outfitting a little league baseball club with uniforms. Being civic minded and charitable was only one of his many splendid characteristics. With dignity and respect, we all mourn the loss of this great personality. EVERETT lived a clean life, kept himself in excellent physical condition and gave the best that was in him in all of his ring performances. . . . PHIL GLASSMAN, former fight promoter, manager and bar owner at the age of 84 (he's been retired for the past 19 years) still strides along the streets of Philly doing his three or four miles of walking each day. Never been hospitalized—in great shape today—and looking to the future—keep punching PHIL! BILLY NEWMAN, co-owner of the NEWMAN-HERMAN GYM in San Francisco (JOE HERMAN is his partner) has undergone surgery for removal of cataracts at the Fort Riley Hospital in Frisco and is now on the mend. We wish BILLY a complete and speedy recovery. He's one of the great ones. . . . Former heavyweight contender WILLIE BESMANOFF, who had over 200 fights including one with the late SONNY LISTON, ARCHIE MOORE and CASSIUS CLAY (that was his name when WILLIE boxed him), sold his service station and is now a baker in Atlanta, Georgia. . . . The Hollywood Comedy Club Board of Directors, with former heavyweight contender LOU NOVA as a member, voted KID CHISSELL $99 for his part of helping to beautify the City of Los Angeles by burning down his home! A great guy with a lot of heart, CHISSELL lost everything, but never winced. The noted phlanthropist TURK PRUJAN, formerly of Detroit, put on a benefit show for the KID, and the hall was sold out two weeks in advance. Many of the really big stars were on hand to entertain. . . . The Cauliflower Alley Club dinner in Las Vegas at the Tropicana Hotel was held recently to induct former world light heavyweight champion JOEY MAXIM into the International Cauliflower Alley Club Hall of Fame—quite an honor indeed! ANGELO DUNDEE, who brought ALI to the fore, among so many others in boxing—now has SUGAR RAY LEONARD under his wing—has just signed on with DAVEY ARMSTRONG, the great amateur lightweight from the State of Washington. We expect biggies from him in the future. DUNDEE'S heavyweight RODNEY BOBICK, brother of heavyweight DUANE, was killed in an auto crash just outside of Bowlus, Minnesota, where the BOBICK clan dwells. RODNEY was a sparring partner for MUHAMMAD ALI on many occasions and

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## EUROPEAN BOXERS

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champion. **Loucif Hamani,** an Algerian based in France, looks set for a world title fight with champion Dagge with the possibility of the bout being staged in Algiers. This could be a very exciting match for Hamani has already outscored Emile Griffith and Sea Robinson.

The French junior middleweight champion, **Joel Bonnetaz,** must not be forgotten because of a defeat to German Frank Wissenbach. He is still a name that will bother a lot of men at his weight.

**Ayub Kakule** from Uganda, based in Denmark, is a man who looks like a future world champion. Not being able to compete for the European crown, Ayub is being built up for a world title shot with champion Eckhard Dagge.

As an amateur, Kakule was world junior middleweight champion and lightweight king at the Commonwealth king at the Commonwealth Games in 1974. In thirteen months as a professional, Kakule is undefeated in ten bouts. Already this year he has beaten Damiano Lassandro, Italy; Mimoun Mohatar, Morocco; Jose Luis Duran, Argentina; Aldo Olivares and Elisha Obed.

German middleweight champion **Frank Wissenbach** was looking forward to big things in 1977 until he met Maurice Hope for the latter's European crown. The German was completely outclassed although he stayed the full course. It was obvious to us all that this fight came at least a year too soon for Wissenbach. Time is on the side of this 20-year-old German, for he has already collected victories over Vito Antuofermo of Italy and Juarez de Lima from Brazil. Wissenbach has lost only a couple of his 21 starts.

**Aaadrie Huusen** of Holland, is undefeated in a dozen bouts and looks a good bet for the future.

When mentioning the welters, the name **Jorg Eipel** of Germany comes first to mind. Eipel had a long string of victories and it was not until the 19-year-old met Clemente Tshinza, Zaire, earlier this year that he had his first taste of defeat. A couple of months rest, the German met Tshinza again and this time he won on points. This youngster is certain to pick up the European crown at a later date, and who knows, perhaps a world title is not out of his reach.

**Hans Henrik Palm** of Denmark, who represented his country at the Munich Olympics, came to town in the professional ranks with a KO3 over ex-European champion Lothar Abend, of Germany. Boxing in Denmark needs talented men like Palm, and he could go far. Two other welters to note are **Kadis Yuceler,** a Turk, and **Luis Acaries,** of France.

Junior welterweight **Jean Baptiste Piedevache** from France was making good headway until he faced Briton Dave Green for the vacant European title. A closed eye saw him taken out of the fight in round nine. The Frenchman's defeat was no disgrace, for he turned in a brilliant performance. Now that Green has vacated the title, Piedvache could face Italian Primo Bandini for European honours.

Lightweight **Perico Fernandez** of Spain, who recently vacated his European title to face Saensak Muangsurin, of Thailand, for the latter's WBC junior welterweight title, is another who can hardly be classed as a prospect any longer. Fernandez lost twice to Muangsurin, but beat Lion Furuyama and Joao Herique in world title shots. Fernandez will now try and regain his European title, and this should not be a difficult task.

Italian **Vincenz Burgio,** who has had and won twenty odd bouts has a promising future in the lightweight division.

Junior lightweight **Ethem Ozakalin,** a Berlin based Turk who represented the city against London as an amateur, has lost only one of his sixteen professional fights. When facing Hans Henrik Palm, a clash of heads cut both fighters about the eyes. In the interval to the second round a doctor inspected the lacerations and considered Ozakalin's cuts to be the worse and took him out of the fight. Hardly a defeat for the Turk, but recorded as such in every record book. Now Ozakalin is to challenge European junior lightweight champion, Natale Vezzoli, of Italy.

Twenty four year old, **Salvatore Liscapade,** the Jr. lightweight champion of Italy, is another for the promoters' notebook. He has already made two successful defenses this year.

**Pedro Nino Jiminez,** Spain, a professional since 1973 has ruled the feathers in Europe since December last year and is a worthy champion.

Twenty five-year-old, **Cecilio Lastra,** featherweight champion of Spain who started the year off with 18 wins from 19 starts, has already staked his crown against a couple of challengers over the past few months. A win over former European champion Roland Cazeauz made critics sit up and take note. Lastra's next step will be for European honours. Salvatore Melluzzo, Italy, a southpaw with a dozen wins, and Antonio Rubio, a Spaniard, who joined the paid ranks after a brilliant amateur career, are worthy of note.

In the bantamweight class, **Juan Francisco Rodriguez,** Spain, turned professional supported by a great amateur term. He has already registered a few good wins and looks set for a local title.

Another Spaniard, **Carrasco Hernandez,** campaigning among the flyweights, has a dozen or so victories to his credit. He could go places.

**Franco Udella,** Italy is the flyweight champion of Europe, and he became the world's first junior flyweight champion beating Valentin Martinez in 1975. Udella has ruled the division in Europe since 1974.

Probably the best prospect in Europe is **Marjan Benes** of Yugoslavia who at the time of writing has not yet boxed as a professional. He was the amateur champion of Europe in 1973, and out of 290 bouts has lost only three. He will make his professional debut this year and is able to box as a junior welter and middle. He is only 300 grams over the welterweight limit. Benes is with the prominent Willi Zeller stable in Berlin which includes Dagge, Wissenbach and Eipel to name a few.

## DEJESUS STOPS SALDIVAR

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tis of Las Vegas and Isidro Rodriguez of Venezuela. All three officials had De Jesus ahead by the proverbial mile.

Mike Connors of TV Mannix fame who owns a piece of Saldivar, was very disappointed at his protege's showing. "I've seen Saldivar in some great fights and tonight he appeared overtrained. Not even a shadow of what he is capable of doing", said Connors in the Saldivar dressing room after the fight.

Promoter Don King assured everybody that De Jesus is penciled in to meet Roberto Duran in a bout that will guarantee each fighter $250,000.

"Roberto wants it in Panama and Esteban in San Juan, so it looks like the fight will go stateside in September", stated King.

Most boxing experts feel that De Jesus should have an edge over Duran if this rubber match takes place. He appears sharper in recent outings while Duran did not display much in his two last starts against Javier Ayala and Villomar Fernandez.

Heavyweight Jaws Ocasio scored a TKO at 2:59 of the fifth over Frank Schram.

"I've had quite a few good heavyweights in my time, but none of them has learned as quick or developed as fast as this kid," stated Manager Bill Daly after the fight.

Schram was no match for the heavy hitting Puerto Rican and the bout should have been stopped earlier than it was.

Undefeated bantam Papote Rosario kayoed Mexican import Nicky Perez in 2:20 of the fourth.

Junior-middleweight Carlos de Leon TKOed Eddie Davis in the third.

Junior-welter Carlos Soto scored a split decision over Arturo Leon in eight rounds.

Junior-middle Alex Porrata scored an unanimous decision over Carlos Betancourt in four rounds.

### *TO THOSE LEFT OUT OF OCTOBER ISSUE, APOLOGIES*

··This special expanded edition of The Ring magazine is lacking, in accordance with longtime policy, fight reports from segregated areas of the world. Exceptions are Ron Olver's British fights, Don Fraser's California section and the European details from Jack Tree. We will use as many items left out of the October issue as possible in the November issue of Ring, space providing.

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## MUANGSURIN VS FERNANDEZ

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Muangsurin easily took all but two rounds of the bout, the sixth and the 15th, when Fernandez briefly came out from behind his barricade to open up with hooks from both hands. Muangsurin had no trouble with these attacks, but the Spaniard did manage to get a few shots through in the sixth.

On the undercard, heavyweight Alfredo Evangelista, Spain, beat Christian Poncelet, France, TKO3; bantamweight Juan Rodriguez, Spain, beat Daniel Trioulaire, France, TKO6, and junior middleweight Dum Dum Pacheo, Spain, beat Antonio Torsello (I), TKO3.

## BAHAMAS BOXING

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watchful eye of well known trainer, Mac Goodman. Dewar's is paying his expenses for the four month training period in Miami. Everyone feels the Bahamas has another world champion on their hands.

Bahamian fighters have received strong support of the news media like Fred Stirupp of the Nassau Guardian, Gladstone Thurston of the Tribune, and Peter Bowleg and Lionel Dorsett of Radio Bahamas.

Assistance continues to come the way of professional boxing. Recently Bernard Heckelmann, industrialist of Cleveland, Ohio, liked what he saw in the Bahamas and has agreed to co-promote with Kirk Tinker and also assist Goldstein in getting advanced training for some of the Bahamian boxer's.

The amateur boxers are moving along very well also. At the House of Champions, No. 1 trainer, former Bahamas heavyweight and cycling champ Boston Blackie (Leonard Miller) trains some 20-odd boxers including his two sons, Ben and Lenny. There are three other dedicated trainers on hand to help the enthusiastic youngsters, Henry "Goatman" Rolle, middleweight champion Rennie Pinder and former West Indies heavyweight champion Carl Baker.

In the only other gym in Nassau, Sonny Boy Rahming and Nathaniel Knowles handle another 20 future pros at the Fighting Tigers Gym, while in Freeport, Ozzie Archer goes through the training ritual at the Y.M.C.A. Now the tourists can find added entertainment and pleasure to the already warm climate, clear blue waters and white and pink sand beaches, they find the finest in both professional and amateur boxing under the supervision of former boxer Roderick Simms, Bahamas Boxing Commissioner, working under Livingston Coakley, Minister of Education.

The word is out if your looking for boxers who come always ready to do an A-1 job in the ring, call for one of the powerhouse guys from the sunny Bahamas. They won't let you down.

RECORD BOOK CORRECTION

BOB SMITH'S RECORD ON PAGE 650 READS FOUR KAYO DEFEATS FROM 1972-1973. THESE ARE INCORRECT. THE RECORD SHOULD READ ONE WIN AND TWO DEFEATS FROM 1974. THIS RECORD APPEARS ON PAGE 636 IN THE 1975 RECORD BOOK.

## SAM SILVERMAN DIES

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world; middleweight champ Paul Pender; Willie Pep, featherweight king; welterweight boss Tony DeMarco; lightweight Tommy Collins; welterweights Tommy Bell and Don Williams and lightweight George Araujo, among many others.

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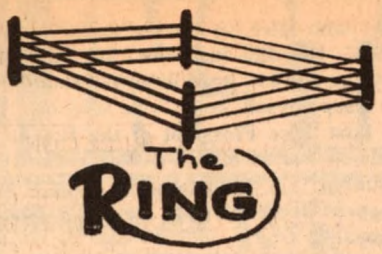


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## BENITEZ, ARGUELLO,

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is ready for him right now."

Arguello began fighting when he turned 18 in his hometown of Managua, Nicaragua. A tall, powerful puncher, he flattened opponent after opponent, and to date has a record of 51-3 with 46 knockouts. He became the featherweight champion by knocking out Ruben Olivares in the 13th round of their scheduled 15 rounder in Los Angeles in 1974.

In his first three title defenses, Arguello knocked out Lionel Hernandez in Venezuela, Rigoberto Riasco in Managua, Nicaragua, and Royal Kobayashi in Tokyo. The closest call he had to losing his title came when he got up off the canvas in the ninth round in a non-title fight with Jose Torres in Mexicali, Mexico, to win a split decision.

"After awhile my weight began to become a real problem," Arguello says, now 25. "I figured I would defend my title five or six times and then become a Jr. lightweight," he continued.

There is a discrepancy as to what happened to his featherweight title. Arguello and his people say he simply retired and gave up the title, while others say he was stripped of his title by the WBA for failing to make the weight before another title defense. "Alexis simply retired," his manager Eduardo Roman says. "He was ready to make the switch to Jr. lightweight, it's as simple as that. We are after the Jr. lightweight title now, we aren't worried about what people say about something that happened a year ago."

In his last fight, a four round knockout over Cocoa Sanchez in Madison Square Garden, Arguello put on an awesome display of punching power. He set Sanchez up early with devastating shots to the body and then floored him twice with right hands in the third round. Referee Tony Perez took one look at Sanchez as the bell was about to start the fifth round and stopped the fight with the assistance of Dr. Harry Kleiman.

"I want to win three titles: featherweight which I've already done, Jr. lightweight which I hope to have soon, and then the lightweight crown which I will take from Duran if he hangs around long enough," Arguello says. "I am the first world champion from Central America, a group of countries with over 50 million people."

Sanchez was his third victim as a Jr. lightweight, and he has high hopes for his next opponent. His manager, Dr. Roman, says the World Boxing Council has given Alfredo Escalera two months to defend his title against Arguello, the number one contender, or give up the title. "It might be a good fight for awhile, but Arguello would eventually break through and put Escalera on the deck," says a fight manager who has seen both fighters on several occasions. The Arguello people are also interested in Samuel Serrano, the other Jr. lightweight champion. Then, after several title defenses he will be ready to dethrone Duran.

Garden matchmaker Teddy Brenner is going to use the impressive fighter in the Garden. "I'll put him in there against anybody; Escalera, Viruet, anybody." Arguello made quite an impression in his New York debut and figures to draw even more people during his next visit. He is being compared to Sugar Ray Robinson, but as is the case in many fighters compared to former champions, he must still stand the challenge of time.

Arguello recently is under the watchful eye of Chris Dundee, who has high hopes for Arguello. Said Dundee, "He is a champion, what else can you say? He has all the confidence and poise you can expect. He could very easily end up winning three titles."

Time will tell.

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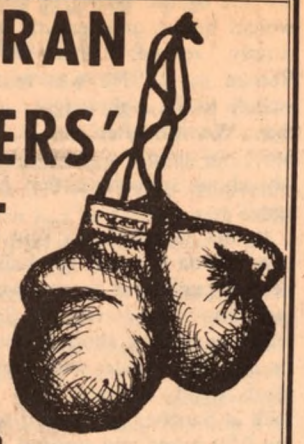

By Harry Warren

Las Vegas has seemingly attracted many former boxers, and if you visit the plush Caesars Palace, you will meet not only Chief Host Joe Louis, but also you will find former greats Joey Giambra, Paddy DeMarco and Ralph Dupas. Former fabulous lightweight bomber from the Bronx, Chester Rico, always a great favorite in New York, is with the Security at the MGM Grand Hotel. While former champ Joey Maxim is with Security at the Tropicana Hotel. Mike Kaplan has a fine health club at the Riviera, and Bill Poland is also at the Rivera, tending bar. . . .

Johnny Lebow, flyweight, fought as Johnny Hurley. His pro-debut was auspicious, on the card of Jack Dempsey-Terry Keller bout. He won his first bout with a knockout. He has been a judge with the Michigan Boxing Commission for 25 years. He was a co-founder of Ring 32 at Farmington, Michigan. He was honored recently at the I.V.B.A. Convention, at Downingtown Inn, Pennsylvania. . . .

Harry Jeffra, born November 30, 1914, Baltimore, Maryland. His real moniker is Ignacious Pasquali Guiffi, but promoters would have had trouble with that name on posters, so he became Harry Jeffra. His amateur career is said to be unequalled in amateur history . . . he lost his first 27 bouts. When he won his 28th fight, he was so elated, he turned pro. Became a pro in 1933, beat Sixto Escobar for the bantamweight championship of the world in 1937, and Sixto regained the title after 15 hard fought rounds in 1938. Joey Archibald, the world featherweight champion, defeated Jeffra in 1939, but captured the crown when he fought for the title in 1940.

Jeffra has an imposing record, having defeated the likes of Danny London, Johnny Buff, Nicky Jerome, Spider Armstrong, Jacky Wilson, Phil Terranova, Lou Salica, Lou Tranparenti, Frankie Rubino, Bill Speary, to name a few. He had 120 bouts, winning 93, gaining 66 by decision and decision and recording 27 knockouts. He was elected to the Maryland Sports Hall of Fame in 1962. He is happily married to Martha. They have four children: Arthur, Michael, Bebra and Barbara. He is employed at the Pimplico Racetrack and is coming into his 18th year with the track. The International Veteran Boxers Association honored Jeffra last year. His complete record is in the *Ring Record Book and Encyclopedia*. . . .

Tony DeMarco went to Phoenix, Arizona, due to his son having a breathing condition. It came to this writer's attention that Tony's son passed away. I am sure that Tony will appreciate out prayers. Tony was born Leonard Liotta, January 14, 1932. He was managed by Bobby Agrippino. He had his first fight October 21, 1948. Over the following seven years he had 52 bouts and was only credited with six losses. On April 1, 1955, Tony knocked out Johnny Saxton to win the world welterweight title; his 53rd fight. On November 30, 1955, he lost the crown to Carmen Basilio. Bighearted Tony DeMarco, had wins over Chico Vejar, Paddy DeMarco, Don Jordan, and Terry Young. He retired March 1, 1962. He had 71 bouts, 33 KO wins, 25 decision wins, with 12 losses. Tony owns a restaurant in Phoenix, Arizona. This writer was informed that Tony is considering a move back to New York. . . .

Boxing scribe Lester Bromberg is celebrating with lovely Miriam after attending the official weigh-in of their grandchild Jason Michael, who came in at six pounds even. Parents are Ron and Robin. . . .

Former world middleweight champion Ben Jeby, who after his boxing career became a N.Y.C. Housing Inspector, has retired after 35 years and has been involved with politics, "to keep myself busy," he told me. He is the First Vice President of the Regular Republican Party, 52nd Assembly District of Brooklyn. He is anxious to goln'4' 5tking for some likely talent to handle as manager. Interested?

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Gerry O'Brien, is a man who has been involved with boxing a lifetime; 38 years as an amateur and professional. He served in the Canadian Army from 1939 to 1945, serving in Great Britain, Germany and his native Canada. Since 1951 he has been an active judge, and since 1971, the treasurer of the Commission Athletique De La Ville-Quebec. (Quebec Athletic Commission, Canada.)


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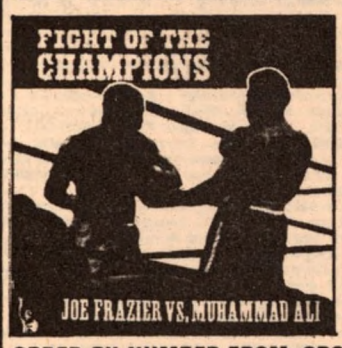

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**British light heavyweight champ Bunny Johnson KQ'd Terry Minuts in the first round of their non-title contest.**

**Dudley Town Hall**—British light heavyweight champion Bunny Johnson stepped in as a substitute and kayoed Terry Mintus, Leeds, 192, in the opening round. Johnson, 186, caught his man with a left hook to the head, followed by a right hand, and that was that.

It was of course an overweight non-title affair, but Johnson gave a champion-like performance, being quicker on his feet and faster to the punch. When Mintus did essay a few leads, trying to make use of his five-inch height advantage, Bunny easily got out of range and came in with counterpunches.

Varying his attacks from head to body, Johnson eventually got the opening he had been waiting for, and although Mintus struggled to rise he couldn't make it.

This was Johnson's fifth quick win since he decided to move down from heavyweight, and was similar to the one-round victory he gained over Tim Wood to win the light heavyweight title in the quickest time in British history for that division.

Doug Ralston, Leicester, 162, made it five in a row by beating Malcolm Heath, Hull, 165, the bout being stopped in the seventh of a scheduled eight when Heath was cut over the left eye. Heath was down in the fifth during which he sustained the eye injury, came back well, and was getting back into the fight when he seemed to tire, dropped his defences, and Ralston delivered some accurate rights which landed on the injured optic.

Joey Mack, Birmingham, beat Lars Pearson, Pontefract, 149, who was retired by his corner at the end of the first round, after receiving a cut over the left eye. A good performance by Mack, having only his fourth bout, and against a seasoned professional. Joey picked his punches well and showed a lot of promise.

Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 138, outpointed Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 136, over six by 59½-58½. An exciting contest, which earned the boxer a standing ovation from the fans, who threw nobbins into the ring.

Tom Collins, Leeds, 178, kayoed Johnny Cox, Northampton, in three.

▲**Royal Albert Hall, London**—John L. Gardner, Hackney, 202, beat Nigerian Ngozika Ekwelum, 204¾, the bout being stopped in the sixth of a scheduled ten when Ekwelum was no longer hitting back. The contest had originally been billed as for the vacant Commonwealth heavyweight title over 15 rounds, but the Nigerian Board of Control refused to give Ekwelum their support as he is under suspension for boxing in South Africa five months earlier.

Gardner had no difficulty in winning. After a spirited first round when Ekwelum scored with right hands to his opponents's chin and Gardner jabbed neatly in reply, the Nigerian's resistance declined as round succeeded round.

Gardner just kept punching away with both hands, Ekwelum concentrating for the main part on defence, and although he didn't go down he didn't appear to have much interest in making a fight of it. His blows were mostly of the cuffing variety and he was censured by referee Harry Gibbs for not hitting correctly at the opening of the fifth round.

With Ekwelum on the ropes and taking punch after punch without retaliation the referee intervened, much to everyone's approval.

Jimmy Flint, Wapping, 125¼, defeated Mark Bliss, Tottenham, 125½, the referee intervening in the fourth of a scheduled twelve-rounder after Bliss had been down twice. Flint thus won the Southern Area featherweight title, and won it well. Flint gave a fine display of speed and skill, and punched too hard for his plucky opponent, who was quite willing to continue, but the referee ruled otherwise.

Bliss had to overcome his handicap in height and reach, and tried hard to get inside, but even when he succeeded his punches had little effect.

There were shouts from Bliss's corner in the third when they claimed Flint should have been warned for misuse of the head. Bliss did sustain a graze on the eyebrow after a close-quarter exchange, but it wasn't serious.

Flint meant business in the fourth, jabs, hooks and uppercuts forcing his opponent back, then a left hook put him down. Bliss rose at eight, but Flint was on him like a flash, and Mark was subjected to a barrage of blows without reply before he was decked for the second time. As Mark attempted to get up the referee decided he had had enough, and stopped it.

Johnny Waldron, Poplar, 177, beat Danny McLoughlin, Manchester, 175½, the bout being stopped in the seventh of a scheduled eight. A confusing contest. Just before the start of the sixth it was announced as the "sixth and final round." McLoughlin held out his glove for his opponent to touch, only to be informed that it was in fact an eight-rounder.

Having paced himself for six, Danny found it difficult to adjust to a further couple of rounds, and halfway through the seventh informed the referee that he was unable to continue.

It had been a good contest, with plenty of action. Mac was best in close, where he was able to hook away merrily. Waldron was the cleaner puncher, but was lured into too many close-quarter mauls.

In the sixth Waldron got a graze on the right eyebrow, and McLoughlin was warned for misuse of the head.

Cornelius Boza-Edwards, Uganda, 132½, floored former British featherweight champion Tommy Glencross, 135½, seven times before the referee intervened just after the start of the second round. It was afterwards announced that Glencross had retired from the ring. Boza thus fained his eighth win in a row, all inside schedule. It was Tommy's 44th bout, of which he had lost 12.

Wayne Evans, Waterlooville, 123¾, outpointed Lee Graham, Finchley, 123½, over eight by 79-77½. Evans had been inactive for nearly a year, and it took him a few rounds to find his ring legs. Graham did not lack confidence against bantam contender Evans, and gave a good account of himself. Evans found it difficult to get his timing right, and obviously needs a few more bouts to get back into the picture.

Tony Zeni, Highgate, 130¼, outscored Nagib Daho, Manchester, 131¾, over six by 59½-58. A good bout to watch, with Daho punching hard with his right, but caught lefts to the head in return.

Daho's nose blec, but he was fighting back right up to the final bell.

▲**Marton Country Club**—Colin Deans, Jarrow, 146, won the vacant Northern Area welter crown by comfortably outpointing Terry Schofield, Bishop Auckland, 147, over ten by 99½-97½. Afterwards the 32-year-old Schofield announced his retirement from the ring. A busy fighter, he averaged more than a fight per month in just over two years as a professional.

Deans thus kept his unbeaten record in his seventh contest, and deservedly so, showing an aggressive approach throughout.

Nobbins amounting to £28 were thrown into the ring after Don Burgin, Shotton, 137, had drawn with Albert Coley, Birmingham, 136, over eight. Coley opened in promising fashion, driving his man around the ring with two-handed attacks, but the tables were turned in the fourth when Burgin started coming forward, and it was toe-to-toe stuff from then until the close.

Bags of action, much appreciated by the ringsiders.

Reg Long, Peterlee, 176, brought two busloads of fans with him and they gave him the encouragement a boxer always needs. Long outscored Len Brittain, Doncaster, 177, by 79½-77½ over eight, by means of his more accurate punches.

It was welcome back to former top light heavyweight Malcolm Worthington, who came back after 12 years of absence at the ripe young age of 37 to beat Mick Atkinson, Stockton, 172½. The bout was stopped in the second round after Atkinson had been decked three times.

Debutant Alan Robertson, Newcastle upon Tyne, 126, defeated Don Aageson, Birmingham, 127, the referee intervening in the fourth. Aageson was down for eight in the third.

▲**Barnsley Civic Hall**—Jim Devanney, Bradford, 152, outscored Joe Hannaford, Liverpool, 151, over ten by 99½-96, a comfortable victory. This contest was a final eliminator for the Central Area light middleweight title, and Devanney was good value for his win, jabbing accurately and finding it easy to evade the leads of his opponent.

Hannaford finished with a cut by the left eye. His nose bled profusely, evidence of Devanney's jabs. Jim, too, had a cut by the left eye.

Debutant Mickey Dirkin, Bradford, 145, outpointed another newcomer, Carl North, Leicester, 143½, over four by 40-38½.

Paul Clemit, Barnsley, 128½, outscored Larry Richards, Leicester, 125½, over four after decking him twice in the third.

Keith Johnson, Barnsley, 187½, outpointed Nigerian veteran Guinea Roger, 189, over eight tows.

Albert Smith, Barnsley, 165, gained a points victory against Joe Jackson, Coventry, 166, by 79-78½, also over eight twos.

▲**National Sporting Club, London**—Errol McKenzie, Cardiff, 161¾, outpointed Jan Magdziarz, Eastleigh, 160, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round. Both were warned for holding, but the cleaner work was done by McKenzie, whose left jab found its way into his opponents's face time and again. Both were slightly cut around the eyes and both bled from the nose. Magdziarz was always behind, but there were a couple of occasions when he made great efforts to get on terms.

Kevin Docherty, West Ham, confirmed a previous win over Ken Matthews, also from West Ham, 129½, outscoring him by the narrow margin of 79½-79 over eight. Matthews twice went to the canvas in the sixth, but there was no count either time. This might well have made the difference between victory and defeat, for it was even throughout otherwise.

Horace (brother of Errol) McKenzie, Cardiff, 149, also won his fight, beating Peter Rushfirth, Leeds, 152½. The bout was stopped at the end of the first round when Rushfirth was cut on the left eyebrow.

Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, 141½, outpointed Dai Davies, Swansea, 141¾, over six by 59½-58. A good fight to watch, with Gordon the busier of the two.

▲**Supports to GREEN-PALOMINO at Wembley**—British light middleweight champion Jimmy Batten, Millwall, 152¾, beat Puerto Rican Julio Garcia 150½, the bout being stopped in the sixth of a scheduled ten with Garcia still upright, but well behind on points. Garcia had a swelling under the left eye, and Batten had his man in trouble every time he opened out. Jimmy was content to box in spasms against a willing opponent who was not really in the same class.

Pat Thomas, Cardiff, 153½, outpointed Henry Rhiney, Luton, 152, over eight by 79-78. Substitute Thomas did well, and in their four meetings now leads Rhiney 3-1. Rhiney's one victory was when he beat Thomas in a fight for the latter's British title, which Henry still holds, But this was an overweight match.

For a substitute, Thomas had a surprisingly strong finish, with Rhiney cut around the left eye and dumped on the bottom rope in the final round. Thomas, too, was cut, by the left ear.

Cornelius Boza-Edwards, Harrow, 131½, took less than two rounds to beat Frenchman Mario Oliviera, 131, the bout being

stopped after the latter had twice been decked. It was Boza's ninth straight win, all inside schedule. Substitute Mario was never in the fight.

Gary Davidson, Bermondsey, 121, beat Steve Enright, Bradford, 122½, the referee intervening with a minute to go in the sixth and final round. Enright was caught by a right to the head that spun him round towards the spectators, and legs wobbled ominously.

Davidson, was in front, but was handicapped by cuts over the left eye and the nose. He remains unbeaten in seven bouts.

Greg Evans, Liverpool, 169, outpointed Roy Gumbs, Tottenham, 166, over eight by 79-77½. Gumbs took the fight at just six hours' notice and put up a good scrap, but was warned for hitting with the open glove, which might have been reflected on the scorecard.

However, Evans' accurate jabbing saw him home.

**▲Centre Hotel, Portsmouth**—Charlie Cooper, Fareham, 154, defeated Roy Commosioung, Luton, 153¾, the bout being stopped in the seventh with Roy in trouble. It was the first time he had been stopped in his career. This reversed a previous verdict, Roy winning on points earlier in the year.

Southpaw Cooper was the victim of a clash of heads in the fifth, and intimated that he thought he had been butted. The result was a swelling around the eye, but Cooper didn't let it interfere with his attacks.

Roy was taking punishment in a corner, Cooper banging away with both hands, when the referee intervened.

The contest was a scheduled ten-rounder, and a final eliminator for the Southern Area light middlweight title.

Eddie Vierling, Southampton, 172¼, outpointed Manny Gabriel, Kettering, 174, over eight by 78½-78. Close one, and there was some booing.

Debutant Jimmy Whitmarsh, 159, outscored Alan Bursey, Bournemouth, 156½, over four twos.

Malcolm Howard, Portsmouth, 149¼, outpointed Les Wint, Tottenham, 150, by 60-58 over six, not losing a round.

**▲New Century Hall, Manchester**—Joey Mack, Birmingham, 148, kayoed Carl Bailey, Manchester, 146½, in the second round with a right to the jaw.

Winston Cousins, Manchester, 173, beat Reg Long, Peterlee, 176½, the referee intervening in the fifth after Long had been decked three times.

In a bout that was even all the way Jimmy Pickard, Pudsey, 161½, outpointed Eddie Smith, Manchester, 163, over eight. Scoreline was 79-78½.

When they met previously the result was a draw.

Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 135, outscored Nagib Daho, Manchester, 135, by 59½-58½ over six. Varden was down in the third, but up before a count could be started. Daho was willing enough, but many of his punches were off-target.

It was third time lucky for Ian Murray, Manchester, 118½. Twice previously Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 116½, had outpointed him, but this time it was Ian's turn to win on points, albeit the margin was the narrow one of 59-58½ over six.

Neville Estaban, Manchester, 162, outpointed Malcolm Worthington, Crewe, 163, over six by 59½-58½. This was only Malcolm's second bout after 12 years' inactivity, and he needs a few more fights to get his ring legs.

**▲National Sporting Club, London**—In a battle of the champions Central Area welter titleholder Terry Petersen, Leeds, 151, outpointed Southern Area king Johnny Pincham, Crawley, 147½, over eight by 80-79. Petersen came in as a substitute and his weight was the heaviest of his career.

In the first round Pincham was decked from a right to the chin. After that it was quite a fight. Pincham recovered, but was handicapped by a swelling around the right eye, yet put in a storming finish in the last couple of rounds. Petersen's mouth was cut, but he was the busier of the two and deserved the verdict.

Barry Price, Crawley, 137½, beat Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 138, the bout being stopped in the sixth when Collins was cut on the left eyebrow.

Eddie Burke, Woodside, 161, continued his winning run with a victory over Tony Burnett, Cardiff, 163, who retired at the end of the fifth with a pinches spinal nerve.

Kelvin Webber, Porth, 141, drew with Wayne Floyd, Cranleigh, 142 over six. A good crowd-pleaser.

**▲20th Century Sporting Club, Southend**—Errol McKenzie, Cardiff, 161, defeated Joe Lally, Liverpool, 161, the referee intervening in the fifth to save the latter from unnecessary punishment. Lally pursued aggressive tactics, but was an open target for the accurate two-handed punching of his opponent. McKenzie was way ahead when the bout was stopped.

Mick Mills, Islington, 151, beat Horace (brother of Errol) McKenzie, 147, the referee stopping it in the fourth after the latter had been down. These two shared the sum of £100 for the "best fight of the night" donated by bookmaker Bernard Coral.

George Salmon, Stoke, 159, outpointed Mick Hussey, Islington, 160½, over eight by 79½-78. When they met before Hussey won a narrow points victory. Hussey was decked in the third, but survived somehow, and out in a good finish.

Eric Purkis, Wembley, 142, outscored Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 143, over six by 59½-59, a scoreline that seemed to flatter Beauchamp.

**▲Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre**—Welsh lightweight champion Johnny Wall, 134½, successfully defended his title, outpointing Billy Vivian, Cefn Hengoed, 133½, over ten by the narrow margin of 98½-98. Wall just about deserved the verdict for his busier approach, but there was so little between these two at any juncture. Vivian did everything expected of him. He placed his punches well, showed good footwork and when Wall wanted to fight it out Billy stood and fought it out with him.

Both bled from the nose in this hectic encounter, and Wall impressed with combination punching of the highest order. Wall was always trying to stop his man, and Vivian revealed skills in avoiding some of his opponent's leads.

A return is inevitable.

Welsh bantam champ Johnny Owen, Merthyr, 117, beat Terry Hanna, Belfast, 118, the referee intervening in the fourth when the latter was taking punishment on the ropes. It was Hanna's pro debut, and he was a bit out of his depth against one of the best "little men" in Britain. Making a comeback after eighteen months' inactivity, Roy John, Abercynon, 167, outpointed ringwise southpaw George Gray, Bradford, 182, by the narrowest margin of 78½-78 over eight. John was a leading contender for the British light heavyweight title before having to halt his career temporarily through eye trouble. Now he has to fight his way back into the reckoning, and was obviously very ring-rusty.

Gray is a difficult opponent to deal with, and John just couldn't produce the sort of form to get on top. Nevertheless, he overcame the weight handicap and delivered more of the few clean punches that landed.

Ceri Collins, Merthyr, 133, outscored Phillip Morris, Cefn Hengoed, 136, over four by 40-39. Collins was the more accurate.

Bryn Griffiths, Rhonnda, 113, beat Noel Evans, 116½, the bout being stopped in the second when the latter was cut by the right eye.

Gareth Jones, Merthyr, 164, defeated Henry Turkington, Belfast, 160, the referee intervening in the sixth and final round with the latter in trouble.

**▲St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow**—John Smith, Glasgow, 152, Scottish light middle champion, drew with Central Area welter titleholder Terry Petersen, Leeds, 146¼, over eight.

In the second round Petersen was decked by a left hook, and unwisely decided to rise at "two" whereupon Smith came in quickly and put his man down again. Petersen then elected to box on the retreat, and Smith got a little frustrated trying to catch up with him. But Terry's tactics proved the right ones, and he was soon right back in the fight, jabbing accurately, and later bringing his right into play.

A good final round by Petersen caused Smith to fight back grimly, and Terry was cut on the left eyebrow.

All in all a fair result.

Danny McCafferty, Glasgow, 161½, in the throes of a comeback, just scraped home against Jim, Moore, Bradford, 154¼, the points margin over eight being 79-78½. Several infringements, the majority by Moore, and not a fight to be remembered. Moore was decked in the sixth.

Jim Thompson, Glasgow, 162½, beat Teddy Haines, Leeds, 163½, the bout being stopped in the sixth and final round. Officially Haines' left eye was the reason, but he was being freely punished.

Martin Bridge, Bradford, 145¾, outscored George Kidd, Glasgow, 143, over six by 59½-58. Kidd was down for nine in the third.

**▲National Sporting Club, London**—Ray Cattouse, Balham, 135, drew with Barry Price, Brighton, 135½, over eight. It was a peculiar affair, with Price getting away to a good start, then electing to adopt spoiling tactics which ruined the fight as a spectacle. Cattouse came forward the whole time, but found it difficult to get through. Price got enough warnings, including a final censure in the sixth, for laying on and misuse of the head.

Price did change his tactics in the two final rounds, and a lot more action ensued. Cattouse did his best to keep working, and could not be blamed for the fight not living up to its expectations.

Horace Thompson, Catford, 159, took away the unbeaten record of Bob Mays, Islington, 161½, the bout being stopped in the fifth with Mays staggering and well behind on points.

Eric Purkis, Battersea, 144, outpointed Frank McCord, Swansea, 141½, over six by 59½-58½.

Mickey Morse, Burnt Oak, 150½, outscored Mike Copp, Swansea, 150, by 79-78½ over eight in an unentertaining contest.

**▲Hove Town Hall**—Terry Knight, Brighton, 155, reversed a previous narrow points defeat by outpointing Mick Minter, Crawley, 152, over eight by 79½-78½. It was a controversial result, but Knight got off to a fine start and comfortably won the first three rounds, taking Minter out of his stride, although it was stated afterwards that the plan was to wear Knight down.

The second half of the fight went to Minter, who proved much the stronger of the two.

Knight was two pounds over the stipulated 153, and paid forfeit.

Clint Jones, Crawley, 168, kayoed Wally Barnes, Battersea, with a right to the chin in the fifth.

Eric Purkis, Streatham, 147, beat George Daines, Nottingham, 146, the referee intervening in the third to save the latter from further punishment.

Trevor Groomes, Streatham, 145, outpointed Rocky Butler, Camden Town, 141¼, over six by 60-58. Too much clinching spoiled this one.

Johnny Gwilliam, Birmingham, 137, comfortably outscored Mark Skinner, Battersea, 142, by 40-38½ over four.

Billy Warner, Brighton, 188½, got himself a black eye, but was good value for his points win against Alan Ward, Nottingham, 200, scoreline 59½-58½ over six.

## COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHT**

Championship
Vacant
1. Billy Aird (E)
2. Richard Dunn (E)
3. George Chuvalo (C)
4. Denton Ruddock (J)
5. John L. Gardner (E)
6. Isaac Hussien (E)
7. Tony Moore (J)
8. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
9. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
10. Maule Haumona (T)

**LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT**

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Bunny Johnson (J)
3. Tim Wood (E)
4. Victor Attivor (G)
5. Phil Martin (E)
6. Gary Summerhays (C)
7. Steve Aczel (A)
8. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
9. Al Korovou (A)
10. Joe Vella (A)

**MIDDLEWEIGHT**

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Bunny Sterling (J)
4. Jean-Claud Leclair (C)
5. Julius Luipa (Zam)
6. Frankie Lucas (St. Vin.)
7. Carlos Marks (Tr)
8. Daniel Levesque (C)
9. Semi Bula (A)
10. Gerard Bouchard (C)

**LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT**

Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant.)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Elisha Obed (Bah)
3. Jimmy Batten (E)
4. Ayub Kalule (Ug)
5. Johnny Holt (A)
6. Neil Pattel (A)
7. Sammy Barr (Bah)
8. Larry Paul (E)
9. Pat Thomas (J)
10. Tony Hudson (E)

**WELTERWEIGHT**

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. John H. Stracey (E)
3. Henry Rhiney (J)
4. Steve Dennis (A)
5. Achille Mitchell (E)
6. Billy Waith (W)
7. Kevin White (E)
8. Kirkland Laing (J)
9. Peter Morris (E)
10. Chris Clarke (C)

**LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT**

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Baby Cassius Austin (A)
2. Martin Beni (Pap)
3. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
4. Des Morrison (J)
5. Ross Eadie (A)
6. Gaeton Hart (C)
7. Chris Walker (E)
8. Kerry Bell (A)
9. Chris Dabies (W)
10. Billy Mulholland (A)

**LIGHTWEIGHT**

Champion
Jonathan Dele (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Charlie Nash (I)
3. Barry Michael (A)
4. Andy Broome (A)
5. Matt Ropis (A)
6. Colin Powers (E)
7. Johnny Claydon (E)
8. Len Blackmore (Guy)
9. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Tr)
10. Tommy Dunn (E)

**FEATHERWEIGHT**

Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Alan Richardson (E)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. Les Pickett (W)
5. Vernon Sollas (S)
6. Merv Wockner (A)
7. Dave Needham (E)
8. Jackie McGill (S)
9. Jeff Pritchard (W)
10. Bingo Crooks (J)

**BANTAMWEIGHT**

Champion
Sulley Shittu (G)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Wayne Evans (E)
4. Johnny Owen (W)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. Guinea Hillier (A)
7. Steve Walker (A)
8. George Sutton (W)
9. John Kellie (S)
10. Gary Davidson (E)

**FLYWEIGHT**

Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Z)
1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Steve Bell (A)
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*Billy Moeller (A) is the Junior lightweight champion. There is no official contender at present.*


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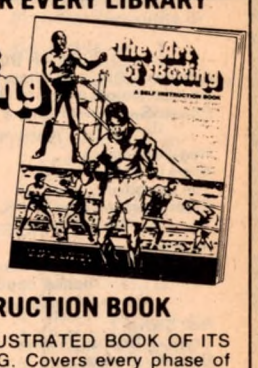


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## LEROY HALEY

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crown.

This time, the food runner at the MGM Grand Hotel lived up to his pre-fight predictions.

Playing it smart against the slugger, Haley was up on his toes at the opening bell and kept flicking his jab into Bermudez's face. In the 10th, with the decision hanging in the balance, Haley gave it his all.

He traded shots and got the better of the exchanges. A right hand just before the bell snapped the Mexican's head back.

The decision was unanimous due to Haley's strong finish. Always the master boxer, he showed that he could land some powerful right hands when he needed to.

"I am the town marshal of Las Vegas," the garrulous Haley says. "Now I can go on to those greener pastures. I want Jimmy Heair, Rudy Hernandez, Mike Everett, Monro Brooks and a few others. Then you can bring on the overrated bum, Roberto Duran."

Another Haley gimmick is his self-given nickname of "Irish Leroy" and his purple trunks with shamrocks stitched on them.

"It wouldn't hurt if people thought I was Irish," Haley says. "So many good fighters were. When they see me, they wonder. I tell them I am from southern Ireland."

Manager Travis Hatfield, in good shape at age 72, is a former baseball scout from San Diego who had another better-than-average "Irish" scrapper.

He directed Irish Bob Murphy, a red-haired southpaw, to a light heavyweight title shot in 1951 against Joey Maxim.

"Leroy has the potential," Hatfield says. "He's very cool in the ring, doesn't get excited. We just need a break from a promoter. Leroy has enough ability to become champ."

Boxing is somewhat of a family affair for Haley. He shares a home with his talented, young trainer, ex-boxer Charley Shufford and Charley's brother, promising junior welter, Horace Shufford. His main sparring partners are young Shufford and world-rated (No. 9 in RING) middleweight Roxell "Rocky" Mosley, Jr.

Haley, who plays a fair game of basketball despite his 5-7 height, turned pro in 1973 with a points win over Manny Castillo and then reeled off 18 more victories before losing a split duke to the now-deceased Roy Holloway. He had beaten Holloway in an earlier meeting.

Hatfield has been stepping up the opposition for his fighter. He beat Earl "Steamboat" Young and Pete Constancio, both competent performers, and was most impressive in a win over dangerous Filipino puncher Rudy Barro.

All of Haley's fights have been on the neon-filled Las Vegas "Strip." He is looking for out-of-town action.

"My goal is a world title," Haley says. "I know I can outbox Duran. But whether it's him or (Wilfredo) Benitez or someone else I have to whip, it doesn't matter. I'll do it."

Haley's future may also include a challenge from undefeated Johnny Lira (ranked No. 13 in the U.S. by RING). They might meet in a showdown for Haley's state title.

His post-boxing plans include more college classes and perhaps work in law enforcement.

The "town marshal" isn't clowning when he says he means to rule the world. And he's hoping some of the luck of the Irish will help him get there.

**READ THE RING**

## ANGELO SENITO

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*book* and Ring magazine publications from 1922 to 1929 to complete that entire collection. He is constantly in touch with other collectors and makes many trades of materials. He's hopeful he can acquire those missing from his collection through the talk and trade rapport he has built up through the years. He has a large quantity of "doubles" in his collection.

Sinito has attended many functions involved with boxing like the World Boxing Historian Association dinners, the Boxing Writers of N.Y., Testimonial dinners, Veteran Boxing Association functions at Ring #8 and Ring #21 (He's a member of 31) and others.

He and his wife, Lucy, have attended boxing bouts in arenas throughout the United States and throughout the world, including Japan, Hong Kong, Southeast Asia, Poland, Czehoslavia, Russia, Hungary, Yugoslavia Israel, Greece, Italy, England and Thailand.

Angelo still works out in his gym in Bayside and still enjoys it.

He has had his picture taken with fellows like Joe Louis and Muhammad Ali, and he has made many friends with former fighters and many, many just plain boxing fans who have appealed to him for information through his extensive library.

Like the man said: Boxing is his game.


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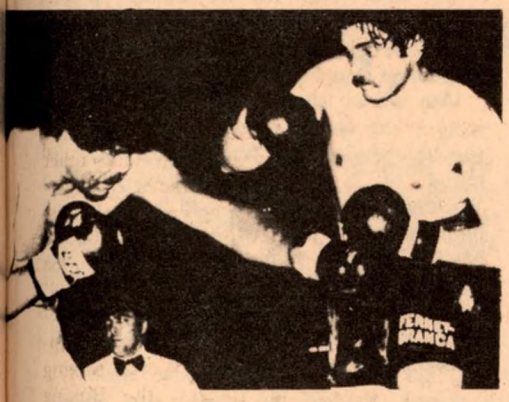

**Italian heavyweight champ Alfio Righetti, right, is seen in action against Roy Dean Wallace in the course of their Rome bout. Righetti won an eight round decision.**

BRITON Dave Green, junior welterweight, and Perico Fernandez, Spain, lightweight, have both vacated their European titles. Green lost Carlos Palomino and Fernandez to Shengsak Muangsurin in title fights recently.

Franco Udella, Italy, made a successful defense of his European flyweight title knocking out his Spanish challenger, Jose Cantero, in round five. Cnatero visited the canvas in round three, and in the fifth a left hook sent him down again. He made his feet, but a right cross to the chin decked Cantero for the full count.

Zurlo, the bantamweight champion of Europe, beat his French challenger, Jacky Bihin, who was taken out of the fight during the interval to round eight with a completely closed left eye.

Ray Philippe, Luxembourg, was killed in a car accident on June 4th. The 38-year-old Philippe campaigned as a middleweight, and in 1965 lost a European title fight to Bruno Visintin, Italy.

At Campione two ex-world champions, Emile Griffith and Nino Benvenuit, boxed two exhibition rounds.

Erich Campe, who won a silver medal at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1933 and won the amateur welterweight title, died in an East German hospital recently at the age of 65.

### SPAIN

▲**Madrid**—Bantamweight. Juan Francis Rodriguez beat Garcia Herrera Kiko, TKO four.

▲**Mataro**—Middleweight. Jose Hernandez outscored Eduardo Battista, eight.

### ITALY

▲**Milan**—Welterweight Everaldo Costa outscored junior middleweight Aroldo Olivares, eight. Lightweight. Aristide Pizzo beat Gregorio Ciancaglione, who was disqualified in round four. Bantamweight. Alfredo Mulas decisioned Antonio DeFranca, six.

▲**Rimini**—Alfio Righetti retained his Italian heavyweight title outscoring Pier Mario Baruzzi, 12. Welterweight. Mario Guilotti beat Oscar Aparicio, TKO two. Junior middleweight. Piero Ceru beat Pier Angelo Pira who retired with a cut eye in round three.

▲**Pesara**—Junior welter. Vincenzo Quro outscored Giovanni Mariano, eight. Welterweight. Juan Jose Gimenez beat Ernesto Bergamesco, TKO seven. Junior middleweight. Luigi Minchillo outpointed Luciano Spina, six.

▲**Priverno**—Tommaso Marocco held on to this Italian welterweight title beating Vittorio Conte, who retired with a cut eye in round four.

▲**Civitanova**—lightweight. Emiliano DeSouza outscored Palmiro Masala, eight.

▲**Campione**—Featherweight. Elio Cotena outscored Pasqualino Morbidelli, eight.

▲**Fano**—Welterweight. Giuseppe Martinese beat Giuseppe Minotti, KO one.

▲**Sarzana**—Welterweight. Remo Costa and Nelson Gomes drew their eight rounder. Junior welterweight. Giancarlo Barabotti outscored Piero Meraviglia, eight.

▲**Milan**—Lightweight. Palmiro Masala outscored Emiliano DeSouza, eight. Welterweight. Timoteo Bonizzoni decisioned Mario Matinato, eight. Lightweight. Aristide Pizzo beat Gregorio Ciancaglioni, who was disqualified in round five.

▲**Savona**—Flyweight. Sabatino DeFilippo decisioned Fillippo Bevere, eight.

▲**Pistoia**—Flyweight. Tarcisio Boi and Arturo Menciassi drew their six rounder.

▲**Brescia**—Bantamweight. Salvatore Fabrizio decisioned Daniel Rodriguez Figueroa, eight. Heavyweight. Romeo Maganini beat Benito Escriche, TKO four. Junior middleweight. Vincenzo Ungaro beat Mongi Lahilji, TKO four.

▲**Rome**—Domenico Adinolfi outscored Jose Gomez, eight. Welterweight. Vincenzo Moruzzi outpointed, Piero Ceru, eight.

▲**Falconara**—Heavyweight. Angelo Visini outscored Giuseppe Rizzo, six.

▲**Pesaro**—Damiano Lassandro held on to his Italian junior middleweight title beating Aldo Bentini, TKO 11. Junior welterweight. Juan Jose Gimenez beat Marcos Jiminez. TKO three. Junior middleweight. Luigi Minchillo beat Guglielmo Caldera, TKO three.

▲**Taurisano**—Salvatore Liscapade retained his Italian junior lightweight title beating Giuseppe Agate, TKO three.

▲**Terni**—Junior welterweight. Efisio Pinna decisioned M. Maurizio Bittarelli, eight.

▲**Milan**—Frank Udella, Italy, retained his European flyweight title knocking out Jose Cantero, Spain, in round five. Heavyweight. Lorenzo Zanon, Italy, knocked out Quintana Trujillo in the first round.

▲**Cagliari**—European bantamweight champion Franco Zurlo held on to his title beating Jacky Bihin, France, the latter having to retire in between rounds seven and eight.

▲**Rome**—Heavyweight. Alfio Righetti beat Roy Dean Walface over eight rounds.

### FRANCE

▲**Tarbes**—Welterweight. Louis Acaries beat Georges Perrot, TKO eight.

▲**Paris**—Welterweight. Alain Salmon decisioned Claude Lormeau, eight.

▲**Annecy**—Welterweight. Georges Warusfel beat Pascal Real Martin, TKO seven. Light heavyweight. Hocine Tafer beat Tony Oudina, TKO four.

▲**Monte Carlo**—Middleweight. Noberto Cabrera beat Wayne Bennett, KO four. Welterweight. Bruce Curry out-

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## EUROPEAN RATINGS

**Heavyweights**
* Lucien Rodriguez (F)
1. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
2. Alfredo Evangelista (S)
3. Alfio Righetti (I)
4. Dante Cane (I)
5. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
6. Kurt Ludecke (G)
7. Bernd August (G)
8. Jose Urtain (S)
9. Henny Thoonen (H)
10. Pier Mario Baruzzi (I)

**Junior Middles**
* Maurice Hope (GB)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Rocky Mattioli (I)
3. Frank Wissenbach (G)
4. Joe Bonnetaz (F)
5. Gilbert Cohen (F)
6. Claude Martin (F)
7. Mimoun Mohatar (S)
8. Josef Pachler (A)
9. Vincent Ungaro (I)
10. Jean Andre Emmerich (G)

**Lightweights**
Title vacant
1. Perico Fernandez (S)
2. Giancarlo Usai (I)
3. Vincenzo Burgio (I)
4. Antonio Puddu (I)
5. Vincenzo Quero (I)
6. Andre Holyk (F)
7. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
8. Alonso San Miguel (S)
9. Giancarlo Barabotti (I)
10. Gilbert Orsaldo (F)

**Light Heavies**
* Mate Parlov (Yugo)
1. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
2. Aldo Traversaro (I)
3. Francois Fiol (S)
4. Freddy DeKerpel (B)
5. Robert Amory (F)
6. Harald Skog (N)
7. Ennio Cometti (I)
8. Onelio Grando (I)
9. Christian Poncelet (F)
10. Avenamar Peralta (S)

**Welterweights**
* Jorgen Hansen (D)
1. Alois Carmeliet (B)
2. Toni Ortiz (S)
3. Alain Marion (F)
4. Luciano Borracia (I)
5. Marco Scano (I)
6. Jorg Eipel (G)
7. Horacio Ruiz (S)
8. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)
9. Tomasso Marocco (I)
10. Vittorio Conte (I)

**Junior Lights**
* Natale Vezzoli (I)
1. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
2. Georges Cotin (F)
3. Roland Cazeaux (F)
4. Ethen Ozakalim (T)
5. Carlos Hernandez (S)
6. Miguel Molleda (S)
7. Albert Amatler (F)
8. Manuel Llata (S)
9. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
10. Ramon Garcia Marichal (S)

**Middleweights**
* Alan Minter (BG)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Vito Antuofermo (I)
3. Jean Mateo (F)
4. Rudi Coopmans (H)
5. Germano Valsecchi (I)
6. Angelo Jacopucci (I)
7. Frank Reiche (G)
8. Mario Romersi (I)
9. Poul Knudsen (D)
10. Robert Benaquista (I)

**Junior Welters**
Title vacant
1. Jean Baptiste Piedevache (F)
2. Primo Bandini (I)
3. Fernando Sanchez (S)
4. Bruno Freshi (I)
5. Erkki Meronen (F)
6. Jean Saadli (F)
7. Efisio Pinna (I)
8. Alain Salmon (F)
9. Claude Lormeau (F)
10. Piere Younsi (F)

**Featherweights**
* Pedro Nino Jimenez (S)
1. Cecilio Cotena (I)
2. Elio Cotena (I)
3. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
4. Guy Caudron (F)
5. Michele Siracusa (F)
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8. Sergio Emili (I)
9. Salvatore Melluzzo (I)
10. Michel Lefebvre (F)

**Bantamweights**
* Franco Zurlo (I)
1. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
2. Jacky Bihin (F)
3. Juan Francisio Rodriguez (S)
4. Daniel Trioulaire (F)
5. Luigi Tessarin (F)
6. Esteben Eguia (S)
7. Pedro Molledo (S)
8. Teodoro Corallo (I)
9. Fernando Bernardez (S)
10. Angel Oliver (S)

**Flyweights**
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Emilio Pireddu (I)
4. Claude Tanda (I)
5. Franco Buglione (I)
6. Jose Cantero (S)
7. Manuel Carrasco Hernandez (S)
8. Mariano Garcia (S)
9. Christian Martin (F)
10. Daniel Charvet (F)

**European Champion**

*Legend: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; Fn Finland; G Germany; GB Great Britain; H Holland; I Italy; L Luxembourg; NY Norway; S Spain; Sd Switzerland; Sw Sweden; Y Yugoslavia.*

## AUSTRALIA

*(Continued from page 65)*

eight meetings, and Frankie Bennett, Bell's trainer, said, "Steve is getting sick of fighting Wallace." To which I said: "How do you think Wallace must feel about it?"

Bell met and defeated Big Jim West four times, the same West who later won the Australian and Commonwealth flyweight titles.

Australian flyweight champion Harry Hayes beat Bell twice. Buddy Clare knocked out Bell in the first round of Steve's third pro fight, but Steve never managed to get a return bout with Clare. Steve had a win and a loss to Robert Eggleton in N.S.W. State flyweight title fights in 1972, then quit boxing with a record of four losses in his 28 bouts. It appeared that he was finished with the game at age 20.

The son of jockey Billy Bell, who rode in Singapore and India as well as in Australia, Steve Bell was born on January 4, 1952, in Sydney. At 13 he was learning boxing at a Police Boys Club. Boxing was in his blood, and he made a comeback late in 1975 with an ambition to win the Australian flyweight title.

In May 1976 he met Charlie Brown for Charlie's national crown, but the decision was a draw. Most disagreed with the verdict, believing that Bell had won, and Steve was promised a return title tilt.

While waiting, he took on bustling southpaw Steve Walker, whom he had defeated twice and drawn with once. The bout was for the N.S.W. State title, and Bell ran into a big one in the fourth round. Dazed, he was halted. His national title hopes fell. Walker was substituted, but the southpaw broke a bone in his hand, so Steve Bell got his second shot at the title.

In a very good fight over 15 rounds, Steve Bell sneaked a points decision to take the title on April 26 this year. The fight was such a good one that fans showered the ring with coins, which is a common occurrence when Bell fights.

Bell had to watch his weight for this fight, as Brown also had to, but in a different direction. Brown had to peel off poundage, while Bell had to build. He scaled 108½.

Right now Bell wants a shot at the world light fly title. He would give a good account of himself.

### MARK BARNETT

When trainer Joe Giometti released his welter tiger Mark Barnett on an unsuspecting crowd in February 1975, fans wanted to know where this puncher had come from.

Mark had been an amateur. He certainly caused a stir when he turned pro. His first three fights ended in the first round, his fourth ended in the fourth round, his fifth in the second. Then he was taken all the way twice in six-rounders, followed by a string of one-round, three-round and two-round KO wins, another six-round points verdict, a one-round KO to bring his record to 12 wins in 12 fights, nine wins coming by the soporific swat.

Then he gave away seven pounds to hard-punching Phil Khan, and Mark was not as fit as he could have been. He was getting over the flu. Khan halted him in the fourth round.

Mark took up the reins again the following month and made good with three more KO wins. There followed a resounding draw with Neil Pattel in April, but in his next bout, in November, he showed ring rust and was outpointed by Kerry Bell over ten rounds—Barnett's first ten.

Barnett did not fight again until June this year. Now a junior middle, he halted cautious Alby Roberts in the fifth round. Mark Barnett is looking towards the Australian junior middle crown this year. With 13 KO wins and three wins on points in his 19 fights, he has the punch to take his seat on the throne.

### BARRY BELL

Fast moving featherweight Barry Bell is an enigma. A former amateur in junior bouts, he forgot the game until March last year when he turned pro, gave away a lot of weight and halted Garry Mitchell in the last round of a four-rounder.

One month later he won another four, this time on points, and showed so well that he was matched in a six with experienced Reg King, one of the top ten feathers in Australia. The result was a draw. The two met again two weeks later and King won a close decision. Then, to the disgust of trainer Lou Meyers, the young Sydney featherweight quit boxing. "I get a good fighter, have him for years an an amateur, turn him pro, make headway, then he quits on me," moaned Lou.

Early this year Lou Meyers phoned: "Barry Bell is back in training," he said.

In February Bell outpointed toy bulldog Larry Valesini over six rounds in one of the best fights seen to date in 1977. Barry has not fought since, but he is in training, and if he sets his mind to it he could go to the top. He won't be 20 until December, so he has plenty of time. This boy can box.

### RAY RYAN

In October 1974 a young N.S.W. country welter named Ray Ryan won his first fight, a four-rounder, on points. For a novice he showed some promise, but how much was not realised until his next bout. He won by KO in round two. In his third he met the boy he had outpointed, and halted him in the first round. His next two bouts lasted two rounds apiece. It seemed that a prospect had arrived.

His next two fights took place in January and February 1975. He won each with a three-round KO.

Then Ray Ryan retired, with a record of six KO wins and one points win in seven fights. He went back to playing football.

In October 1976 Ray Ryan turned up again, this time scaling 158. We saw him for 56 seconds. That is how long it took him to halt his opponent. He could have done it earlier if he had wanted.

The following week he met Sekone Moce, an Island middle with a hard punch. Ryan had Moce ready for the cleaners in the first round, went in to finish him, with his jaw uncovered. Moce swung one out of his haze, and Ryan had suffered his first loss.

Out went Ryan for six months, playing football again. In April this year he was back with the gloves on and was comfortably outpointed over six rounds by Lou Hirst.

One month later he flattened veteran Eric King in the second round. Two months after that he upended Sam Wickman in the second round of a junior middleweight bout. Wickman's manager had had hopes of winning an Australian title with Sam, but the Mickey Driscoll-trained Ray Ryan has stepped over him. Driscoll, one of Australia's top trainers, said, "Ray has a lot of rough edges at the moment, but watch him when I smooth those out."

### LOU HIRST

It was a big night for Lou Hirst on August 24, 1976. He was having his first fight. It was only a four-rounder, but TV newsreel cameras were there together with the Sydney press which had come to cover that prelim. Why the excitement? Lou Hirst was a jail inmate. A warder accompanied him and trainer Lou Meyers. Lou had said, "Hirst is a good one. Every time I take fighters to the jail to spar with him he really gives them curry."

But something went wrong that night in August. Hirst was halted in the second round.

A bubble burst? Not really. In the first place he scaled on the middleweight limit against a hard hitting middleweight named Norm Beans, whereas Hirst now has trained down to 149. In the second place all the publicity, the tension of the media being present just to record his debut, did not allow him to do anything right, although it did appear that he would beat Beans—until hit by a short one in the second round.

To date that is Hirst's only defeat. He has won eight of his nine bouts, and although he has a lot of rough edges, when he learns to set himself before he punches he is going to cause quite a stir with punching power that is natural and just needs correct placement.

To date his best win is over Ray Ryan.

Hirst will be parolled this year, then watch his steam.

## ACTION IN EUROPE

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scored Juan Antonio Merlo, eight. Middleweight. Roberto Benaquista and Jules Bellaiche drew their eight rounder. Junior welterweight. Robert Gambini beat Ugo DiPietro, TKO five.

▲**Fresnes Sur Escaut**—Robert Amory retained his French light heavyweight title beating Michel Dylbaitys, TKO 11.

▲**Creil**—Alain Marion held on to his French welterweight crown outscoring Georges Warusfel, 12. Being decked in the first by a hard right Marion fought back well to even the score. In the eleventh Warusfel waved his hand as if he was indicating that he did not wish to continue. Marion's supporters thought the fight was over and climbed in the ring, but it was all in vain for Warusfel had not retired. The fight was resumed after ten minutes and Marion won on points. Scoring referee made Marion the winner 116 to 115, and judges Bailliez and Appoline both made it a draw 105-105 and 106-106.

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# IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

# BOLANOS, PINEDA BRAWL FOR 10

LOS ANGELES—"Herald Examiner" boxing editor Jack Disney called the Ramiro Bolanos-Tury Pineda brawl, 1977's "Best action fight." The two lightweights went punch for punch for the full ten rounds at the Olympic Auditorium with the Ecuadorian being awarded a unanimous decision over Tury the Fury.

Pineda, who twice fought for the lightweight title, came out blazing, hoping to catch Bolanos cold. However, the South American took Tury's best punches and started pulling away in the fifth round. There was no doubt about the verdict.

Oscar Muniz, a cousin of welterweight contender Armando, was impressive in disposing of Jose Rosa of Puerto Rico in their first round of their scheduled ten. Muniz weighed 119, Rosa, 120.

Other results: Joe Villegas, 111½, East Los Angeles, decisioned Armando Franco, 112, Mexico, (5); Darwin Benjamin, 140½, Los Angeles, KO'd Vasile Cenan, 139, Los Angeles, (4); Rodrigo Aguirre, 131½, Los Angeles, decisioned Pteronillo Velasquez, 131½, Mexico, (4).

The gate was $7,182.50.

▲**SAN DIEGO**—David Wynne, 204, San Diego, packed too much power for Charlie (Budda) Brooks, 204, Los Angeles, in their scheduled 10-rounder at the Coliseum.

Wynne was declared a knockout winner in the seventh round.

The crowd numbered 1200 and the gate, $3659.

Other results: Bert Lee, 146½, San Diego, decisioned Ronald Turner, 145, Los Angeles, (5); Greg Stephens, 149, Los Angeles, KO'd Ted Sanders, 154, Los Angeles, (3); Miguel Ruiz, 137, San Diego, decisioned Scipio Stubbs, 138, Los Angeles, (5).

▲**SANTA ROSA**—Boxing return to the Fairgrounds here with a fast paced 10 round draw between Joe Gonsalves of Oakland and Chile's Renato Garcia.

Gonsalves weighed 161½ as did Garcia. The gate was $4,880.

Other results: Fidel Fraijo, 134½, Los Angeles, won a decision over Jose Rodriguez, 134, Los Angeles, (6); Vern Presler, 157½, San Francisco, decisioned Charles Terrell, 164, Oakland, (6); Lady Tyger Trimiar, 138½, New York, beat Gwen Gemini, 148, Las Vegas, (4) (Women).

▲**LOS ANGELES**—Alberto Cabanig, 116½, Manila, P.I., scored a mild upset by handing highly touted Ernesto Rios, 118, Mexicali, Mexico, his first setback. Cabanig dropped Rios twice in their third round to win by a knockout at the Olympic Auditorium.

Rios, a former national amateur champion in Mexico, won the first two rounds, then just fell apart in the third. Referee Chuck Hassett halted the contest after the second knockdown.

In a second scheduled 10-rounder, Alex Oregal, 126, Mexico, knocked out Alex Zapanta, 127, Honolulu at 2:00 of the fifth round.

Other results: David Barrera, 121½, Los Angeles, decisioned Jose Luis Lara, 124, Mexico, (5).

▲**STOCKTON**—Rough and tumble Nacho Jimenez, 131½, Stockton, was a one sided winner over veteran Memin Vega, 130¾, Mexico City, at Civic Auditorium. The contest was halted midway in the fifth with Vega cut and dazzed from a series of right jabs. (Jimenez is lefty).

Young Joey Olivo, 110½, Los Angeles, knocked out Demetrio Torres, 113, Mexico, in the second round of their scheduled eight. It was the ninth straight wins for Olibo, a student at L.A. Lincoln High School.

In another eight, Raul Ochoa, 117, Los Angeles, stopped Enrique Estrada, 113, Stockton, in five.

The gate was $2,923.

▲**LOS ANGELES**—Alberto Davila upped his record to 24-4 with a rousing 10-rounder over newcomer Manny Vasquez, 117, of Mexico City at the Olympic Auditorium.

Davila, 118, had some problems with the awkward style of Vasquez in the early rounds. However, a strong finish by the Pomona bantamweight left no doubt what the result would be.

All three officials favored Davila.

The gate was $7985

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## AMATEUR BOXING BEAT

**Spurred by the success of the American Olympic Boxing team which took seven mdeals—five Gold, one Silver and one Bronze—in the Games in Montreal, the amateur fight scene gained added interest over the summer months with a wave of glory-hungry athletes competing in AAU rings throughout the country.**

The AAU News pointed out a total of 357 fighters—all regional or associate champions—competed in 354 bouts in the AAU boxing championships at Winston-Salem, N.C.

Foremost among the crop of National champions was Greg Page of Louisville, Ky., who was selected Most Outstanding Boxer. In the tourney's final, Page, from the same boxing baliwick of heavyweight champion Muhammed Ali decisioned last year's runnerup, Woody Clark of Miami, Fla.

The team title went to the Southern Association of Nashville, Tenn., sparked by champions Clinton Jackson (156), Mike McCallum (147), and Jerome Coffee (112). McCallum defeated Roger Leonard of the Air Force, the elder brother of Sugar Ray Leonard, Gold Medal victor in the Montreal Olympics and now in the professional ranks.

The Pacific Northwest squad, last year's team champion, was runnerup this year as Johnny Bumphus (125) and Rocky Lockridge (119) won individual titles.

Larry Strogen of Shreveport, La., stopped Sam Campbell of New York in the finals of the light heavyweight class. A student at Grambling, Strogen replaced Leon Spinks, Olympic Gold Medal winner and now a pro heavyweight, as the light heavyweight king. Spinks, incidentally, won three straight Nationals before his Olympic triumph.

Other important wins included: Anthony Fletcher (132), Philadelphia, decisioned Raymond Johnson for the lightweight title; Detroit's Thomas Hearns (139) defeated Bobby Young of Ohio; Israel Acosta of Milwaukee decisioned Miguel Rosario of New York in the light flyweight final; In an All-Service middleweight final, Jerome Bennett of the Air Force decisioned Hosea Sprewell of the Marine Corps in a close fight.

Bennett defeated Jeff McCracken in the semifinal and went on to gain the 165-pound title.

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The United States Olympic Committee's decision to eliminate grass roots organizations, including AAU associations from USOC classification of membership, was reported as to have weakened the AAU's standings in U.S. Amateur athletics.

"Quite the contrary," says AAU president Joel Ferrell. He points out that the amendments to the USOC constitution will only "serve to make the AAU stronger, and able to more efficiently accomplish the tasks to which we have voluntarily dedicated ourselves."

The 1980 Moscow Olympic Games tempo was evident on all fronts of AAU boxing. In Green Bay, Wis., there was some inspired punching which showed international potentials in the 6th annual National Junior Olympic Championships.

Two boxers were especially impressive in their performances. Donald Curry of Forth Worth, adn Tony Ayala of San Antonio, Texas. Each won championships with an impressive string of victories in the tournament.

Curry was named the outstanding middleweight fighter (from 109 through 132-pound weight classes) as he recorded decisions over Tony Freyre of New York, Miles Lucero of Colorado, Clifford Gray of Florida, and finally, Mike James of Maryland in the finals.

Ayala punched his way to decisions over Kelly Andrus of Florida, Charlie Williams of Ohio, and finally David Grenillo of Arizona. Ayala earned the outstanding boxer award of the heavier weights from 139 through 165 pounders.

"There are three brothers in the Curry family," trainer Paul Reyes reminded, "but I believe Donald will be the best. I'm confident he'll win the Gold Medal in the Moscow Olympics. That's going to be our goal."

Older brother Bruce Curry, lost to Sugar Ray Leonard in the '76 Olympic Trials, and is now a pro fighter. Brother Graylin is a former Texas State champion.

Donal Curry has a potent left hook in his arsenal which appears to be his "Sunday" punch. In winning the title against James, he threw a double, a left to the stomach and another to the head which floored James in the first round and gave Don complete control thereafter. Ayala also has two older brothers in boxing. Trained by his father (Tommy), brother Mike is a former Senior AAU champ and currently a pro featherweight, while brother Sammy won a Junior Olympic National title two years ago.

"Tony is still a youngster (14) but I think he'll improve another 70-80 per cent. He's going to mature and should be bigger than his two brothers," the father-trainer remarked.

Alan Hetrick of Ferrysburg, Ohio, also received an Outstanding Boxer Award after scoring a decision over Vincent Webb of St. Louis in the 90-pound final. He won the lightweight award for the 80-through-100-pound classes.

The team trophy went to Region 9 which includes Texas. Louisiana and Mississippi with a compiled total of 22 points. Region 6 and 8 tied for second with 18 points. Region 6 covers Michigan, Illinois, Inidana, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. Region 8 encompasses Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The three-day affair attracted 167 boxers from 36 states and the District of Columbia with 153 bouts contested. The finals were held at the Brown County Veteran Memorial Arena in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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Although four of the top name amateur heavyweights had to decline for various illnesses or injuries, the AAU heavyweight boxing championships at the Riverfront Coliseum in Cincinnati proved a smashing success.

Tony Tubbs, 19-year-old St. Marks Boxing Club member, was named the Outstanding Boxer of the tourney following his victory over Alf Coffin of the U.S. Marine Corps. The 6-1, 215-pound victor, endowed with quick hands and punching power, has his heart and energy set for a meeting with Teofilo Stevenson of Cuba in the 1980 Olympics.

The Tubbs-Coffin confrontation proved satisfying to the crowd of 2,555. Tubbs carried a 58-8 lifetime record into the ring and Coffin, a 6-1, 215 pounder stationed at Camp Lejeune, had registered 29 knockouts in his 36 prior engagements. Tubbs managed to counter the Marines' attacks with his amazing quickness. Coffin's devastating rights were fended off and Tubbs found openings to score frequently enough to gain a unanimous decision.

Other final results in the Cincinnati cloutfest included: Ezekial Wison, Philadelphia, stopped Roy Jackson, Louisville, Ky., in the first round; Charles Singleton, Brooklyn, N.Y. stopped Larry Strogren, Leesville, Lam in the first round; Sam Campbell, Brooklyn, N.Y., decisioned Mark Frazie, Knoxville, Tenn.; Phillip Brown, New Orleans, stopped Raymond Simms, Cincinnati, Ohio, in the first round; Scott Frank, Paterson, N.J., decisioned Richard Bey, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jerry Williams, U.S. Army, Fort Bragg, N.C., decisioned Rick Melton, Albany, N.Y.; William Hosea, Chicago, Ill., decisioned Capasso, Philadelphia. Pa. The bout was voted the outstanding bout of the tourney; Clenton Cochran, U.S. Army, Fort Bragg, N.C., decisioned Harold Rice, Hartford, Conn.

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As we go press, the AAU announced Poland's National Boxing Team will visit the United States for a three-stop tour here in the United States. The 14-man Polish squad will face American boxers in Las Vegas, Nev., Detroit's Cobo Hall and a final appearnce at the Hartford, Conn. Civic Center.

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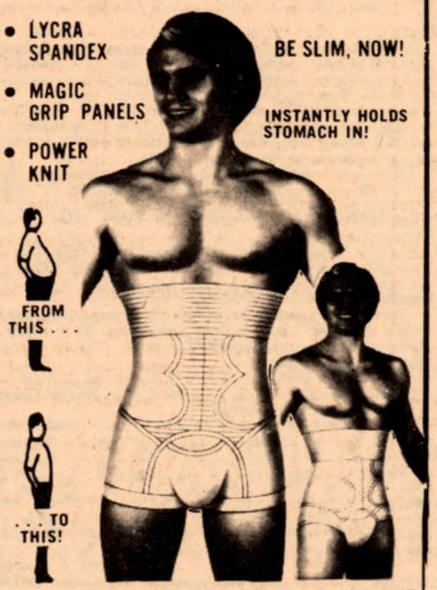


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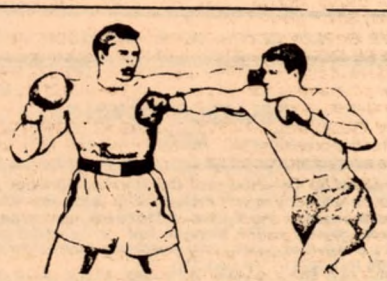

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## MAURICE TOWEEL

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"I was a manager until 1970 and I didn't realize how much easier it was to manage than to promote. . .when you're a manager, you fight for your fighter but once you're set on price, you have only to get your fighter ready.

"Promoting—that's a different kettle of fish. First, you've got two men to satisfy, then you've got to satisfy the boxing commission and then the public. You've got to think of the publicity, advertising and the ticket prices. Whether the styles will work out, whether someone will get hurt in training. . .

"And I forgot—if you have an outdoor fight, there's the weather.

"If all goes well, you make money. Sometimes you lose. But I take it as it comes."

His greatest achievement?

"There's no doubt the best job I ever did," he said, "was getting Bob Foster to come to South Africa."

"There's no use beating around the bush, we are, as you Americans say, behind the eight ball to begin with. South Africa never has been easy to sell to a leading American black.

"And Foster was one of the most suspicious. But I won him over by agreeing to bring Fourie over to fight him for the title in his own town, in his own country (Albuquerque, N.M., Aug. 21, 1973)."

The fight, as everyone knows, was a disputed 15-round decisiion to Foster. Fourie made a good showing, some thought he won.

"The important thing," he went on, "was that Foster got to know me and he learned to trust me. He proved it by signing next to come to Johannesburg to fight a return in the fall of the same year. It was a good fight, another close fight, but he (Foster) won the 15-round decision. Again some the fans thought Fourie won, but it went to Foster.

"That proved something. South Africans could prove sportsmen enough to have a black man beat their favorite. . .and Fourie is a great favorite."

Recently Toweel arranged a title fight in Johannesburg, a meeting of champions, Victor Galindez of Argentina, the World Boxing Association titleholder, and Foster, the former champion.

"I couldn't have done it through representives, I had it to make personal contact, no matter how arduous the trip," he said.

"So I took a plane from South Africa to Buenos Aires, Argentina, and saw Tito Lectoure, the man who does all of Galindez's business. It was easy and pleasant, Lectoure has a good grasp of a promoter's problems."

Toweel then emplaned to New York.

"My responsibility there was to see Al Braverman, my American representative. He's a man who senses what I'm looking for. Within a matter of moments I closed with him on a fight with Chuck Wepner, American heavyweight whose affairs he takes care of, and Mike Schutte, our own South African."

There was a bigger project in the back of Towell's mind—he was thinking of a possible appearance by Muhammad Ali in South Africa.

"I spoke to Don King, who I knew I could reach out to Ali thourgh. He told me he would speak to Herbert Muhammad, manager of the champion, about a match with Mike Schutte—assuming he beat Wepner."

Toweel wrapped up these things in four days and wthen was to go on to London, where another huddle was in order: with John Conteh, the WBC champion. He would like to have Conteh meet the winner of the Galindez-Foster match to clean up all possible doubts as to the championship picture.

From London Toweel headed home—and literally home.

Maurice Toweel is a bachelor. "I've been engaged to four girls, it never took," he said smiling. "Maybe it's because I like my home. His home is that of his father Mike, 76, and his step-mother, Mary. "She's a sweetheart," he added, "and she looks after my father, he's a very active person, although he's retired from the coal business many years, which he had been in since his youth. He and his brother, Willis, came to South Africa from Lebanon, with his father, who had been a peddler."

It is apparent that hard work and family loyalty are the corner-stone of the Toweels, who comprise five brothers.

The best known brother is Vic Toweel, former bantamweight champion of the world, winner over Manuel Ortiz for the title (1950), currently at 49 a leading salesman of tobacco.

Then there is Jimmy, the first in the family boxing empire. Jimmy was a first-class lightweight. He's now 51, a prosperous boilermaker. Allen's next, he was a welterweight; Allen 46, "is in trade," as Maurice puts it. Willie, a clever lightweight, came to American rings and was the first South African to headline at the Old Madison Square Garden. He defeated Len Mathews in a thriller in 1959 and in the following year made a brave and thrilling attempt against Emile Griffith, being stopped in the eighth round. He's a an important life insurance salesman at 46. And the list is rounded out by Frazer, a welterweight, who potentially was the classiest of all the Toweels. Currently 41, he sells automobiles.

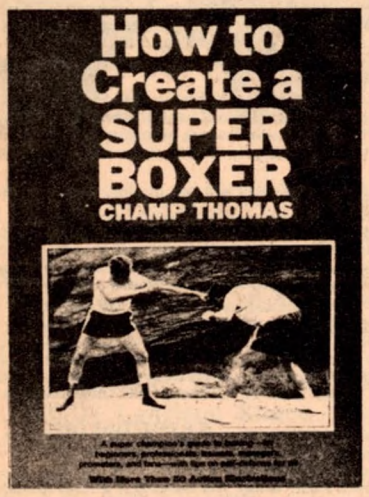
"We fought together," said Maurice, "and we are still fighting through life together."

That's a family motto that couldn't be beaten

Toweel did recently run into a snag when his projected return title fight between Richie Kates and Victor Galindez was halted by the Transvaal Boxing Board of Control because Galindez did not have a contract agreement and there was no television.

"I can only assure my creditors and boxing enthusiasts that I am used to fighting and the cancellation has not deterred me," the 47-year-old promoter said.

"I have been down before. This is nothing new. I have always come back on top. I know I can do it again," he said confidently.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### HEAVYWEIGHTS
Alfio Righetti defeated Cookie Wallace, 8
Lorenzo Zanon Stopped Manuel Trujillo, 1
Alfredo Evangelista kayoed Chritian Poncelet, 3
Kallie Knoetzee stopped Neville Meade, 4
Young Sekona won over Garfield McEwan, 10
James Johnson beat Hobo Wiler, 6
Leroy Caldwell decisioned Bob Yarborough, 10
Mike Montgomery stopped Charles Harris, 1
David Wynne kayoed Charles Brooks, 10
Vincenzo Pesapane won over Jose Galvez, 8
Bunny Johnson kayoed Terry Mintus, 1
Albert Syben knocked out Tony Oudina, 2

### LIGHTHEAVIES
Vonzell Johnson won over Gary Summerhays, 10
Alvaro Lopez kayoed Bobby Lloyd, 5
Edgar Wallace stopped Tony Gardner, 1, then halted Ruben Rascon, 3
Matt Franklin halted Ed Savage, 6
Tony Mundine defeated Ernie Barr, 15
(Retained British & Commonwelath Lightheavyweight Title)
Mate Parlov defeated Harald Skog, 15
(Retained Europena Lightheavyweight Title)
Guillermo Aguirrezabala stopped Ivan Matekovic, 6
Roy John decisioned George Gray, 10
Mike Rossman kayoed Marcel Clay, 1

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Ronnie Harris stopped Frank Reiche, 2
Caveman Lee stopped Ray Bryant, 2
Don Snyder won over Clayton Ambrese, 6
Angelo Jacopucci defeated Giuseppe Borght, 8
Trento Facciocchi decisioned Mariano Salmone, 8
Herman Marquez halted Alfonso Aguirre, 2
Ignacio Lopez kayoed Adolfo Riva, 2
Matteo Salvemini stopped Alberto Ramirez, 2
Errol McKenzie decisioned Jan Magdziarz, 8
Livingston Lupondo beat Phalo Tshume, 6

### JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Mayfield Pennington whipped Emile Griffith, 10
Rocky Mattioli Kayoed Angel Ortiz, 3
Mario Martillano kayoed Osvaldo Cittadoni, 3
Terry Knight defeated Mick Minter, 8
Ernesto Ros beat Bernardo Bonizzoni, 6
Greg Stephens stopped Ted Sanders, 3
Arturo Cirilo stopped Lamar Baskin, 5
Charlie Cooper halted Roy Commosioung, 7
Pat Thomas defeated Henry Rhiney, 8
Jimmy Batten kayoed Julio Garcia, 6

### WELTERWEIGHTS
Pete Ranzany beat Babs McCarthy, 10
Armando Muniz stopped Ruben Vasquez, 8
Randy Shields halted Pancho Del Toro, 4
Harold Weston defeated Andy Price, 10
Terry Petersen and John Smith Drew, 8
Bert Lee defeated Ronald Turner, 5
Timeteo Bonizzoni drew with Luigi Martello, 8
Bruce Henderson defeated Clarence Howard, 6
Carlos Palomino stopped Dave Green, 11
(Retained WBC Welterweight Title)
Mario Guillotti defeated Nelson Gomez, 6

### JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT
Shengsak Muangsurin won over Perico Fernandez, 15
(Retained WBC Jr. Welterweight Title)
Miguel Montilla stopped Johnny Copeland, 2
Peter Lutz defeated Giuseppe Mucaria, 6
Juan Jose Gimenez beat Wongso Suseno, 10
Luciano Navarra decisioned Luiz Ribeiro, 6
Darwin Benjamin stopped Vasile Cenan, 5

### LIGHTWEIGHTS
Esteban DeJesus kayoed Vicente Saldivar, 11
(Retained WBC Lightweight Title)
Alfredo Pitalua halted Lupe Galindo, 6
Rosario Pomponi decisioned Gerardo Sgognamiglio, 8
Lothar Abend defeated Rudi Vogel, 8
Domenico Traini won over Antonio Germano, 8
Johnny Wall beat Billy Vivian, 10
Ray Cattouse and Barry Price Drew, 8
Vincenzo Quero defeated Eloy De Souza, 8
Giovanni Carrino stopped Gerardo Scognamiglio, 4
Howard Davis kayoed Domenico Monaco, 8

### JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Rafael Limon won over Augustine Estrada, 10
Alexis Arguello knocked out Ezequiel Sanchez, 4
Natale Vezzoli stopped Ethem Oezakalin, 11
(Retained European Jr. Lightweight Title)
Pasqualino Morbidelli defeated Antonio Pocai, 8
Rosario Mucaria stopped Leo Scorza, 8
Jimmy Washington defeated Ray Hall, 8
Rodrigo Aguiree beat Petronillo Velasquez, 8
Sammuel Serrano defeated Lionel Hernandez, 15
(Retained WBA Jr/Lightweight Title)

### FEATHERWEIGHTS
Richard Rozelle beat Peanuts Emerson, 10
Ruben Castillo stopped Alfredo Carranza, 4
Ruben Garcia defeated Salvador Torres, 10
Rodolfo Castillo kayoed Clestino Molina, 9
Ramon Castro beat Enrique Garcia, 10
Vicente Pool outpointed Mario Delgado, 10
Rosalio Muro beat Jesus Miranda, 10
Abdul Bey kayoed Juan Escobar, 8
Jose Luis Ramirez halted Carlos Ulloa, 1

### BANTAMWEIGHTS
Sean O'Grady defeated David Vasquez, 10
Daniel Trioulaire knocked out Juan Rodriguez, 6
Robert Ruvaldino won over Fabian Palma, 10
Humberto Lara stopped Pedro Aguilar, 3
Angel Flores halted Luis Hernandez, 4
Lupe Pintor stopped Eduardo Limon, 1
Ruben Moreno kayoed Jorge Ramirez, 8
Johnny Owen halted Terry Hanna, 4
Franco Zurlo stopped Jackie Bihin, 8
(Retained European Bantamweight Title)

### FLYWEIGHTS
Luis Estaba beat Ricardo Estupinan, 15
(Retained WBC Jr. Flyweight Title)
Alberto Sandoval knocked out Paddy Magire, 4
Francisco Marquez stopped Ignacio Espinal, 8
Aureliano Castillo won via disqual. over Mario Gatica, 9
Mario Gatica halted Francisco Granada, 1
Luis Enrique Garcia, halted Jorge de Jesus Ortega, 6
Jose Luis Cruz kayoed Lucio del Rio, 3

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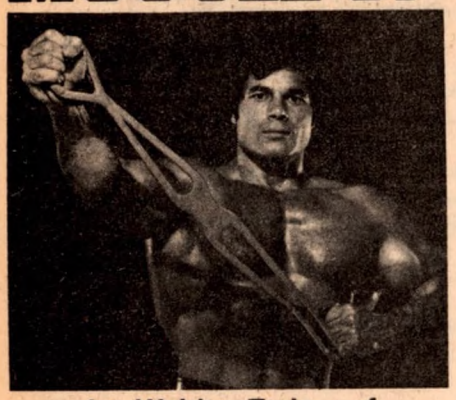

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## WILFREDO GOMEZ

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As it now stands, there is a stronger possibility that Gomez will eventually fight Zarate (who recently kayoed Zamora) for the 122 pound PBC class. Both Zarate and Gomez are WBC titleholders while Zamora crusades for the WBA forces.

Zamora's future doings may suffer some changes. He announced, here in Puerto Rico, that he was dumping manager Pancho Rosales.

"Rosales did not handle me right against Zarate the same as he did not plan the proper strategy for Tirado against Gomez tonight," stated a disappointed Zamora.

Rosales had nothing to smile about all evening, as trial horse Famosito Gomez suffered a one-sided loss to local bantam, Puppy Hernandez.

Gomez, who has been flattened about a dozen times, looked about ready to go on two occasions he visited the canvas from Hernandez' roundhouse swings, but he managed to be around when the final bell rang.

Hernandez was quite enthused about a date with Zamora but I don't think Alfonso has much to worry about. Wilfredo Gomez will travel to Panam to begin training for his next defense against Japan's Royal Kobayashi. And Wilfredo should not lose any sleep because of his Kobayashi encounter. It should be a Royal night for him.

In another scheduled ten, lightweight Enrique Solis looked good in scoring over the favored Hector Julio Medina of the Dominican Republic. Medina, who had not fought since his title match loss to Esteban de Jesus last September, seemed to be overtrained. Or else the De Jesus fight may have taken something out of him. At any rate, he let the lighter hitting Solis take the play away from him and failed to take advantage of his superior reach.

Another ten saw another of the many fighting Solis brothers, Santos, score an easy four round kayo over Ernesto Ortega.

Welterweight Santos, who's last start was an upset win over Jimmy Heir, was too strong for his veteran and over-the-hill opponent.

Panamamian Hector Carrasquillo proved that he may be ready for a match against Wilfredo Gomez when he scored a seventh round TKO victory over Andres Torres. Hector fought fast and furious against his aggressive opponent, who refused to hit the canvas but was clearly outclassed. Hector is undefeated in ten starts and definitely Panama's number one title prospect.

Junior middleweight Carlos Santos scored a six round decision over Alex Porrata. Alex started slow and looked like a possible kayo loser to Santos, but he finished strong in the last two heats to make the fight interesting. This was Santos' 2nd win over Porrata.

The opening four saw flyweight prospect Orlando Maldonado score a decision over Ramon Perez. Maldonado was making his pro debut. He had won a bronze medal in the Montreal Olympics.

## OLD BROADWAY

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Kid Williams and Charlie White.

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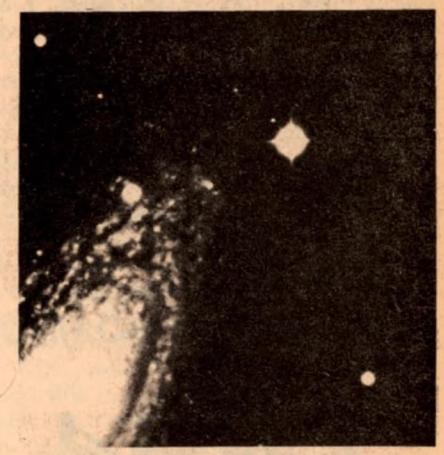

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## PETE MEAD

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Champion, the late Dave Sands and the late Randy Turpin who was later to beat Robinson for the crown. At the age of 25 Pete was really finished as a fighter.

"In 1950 they wired me $5,000 to fight Graziano in Milwaukee. In those days that was good dough. I didn't train, he knocked me out in three rounds and that was it. I quit for good. But, at least I can say I wasn't exactly finished off by any bums. I had fought three guys who were champs at one time or another."

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Today Pete is a successful construction contractor residing in Jonesboro, Arkansas with his lovely wife, Dorothy and an 18-year-old son, Jeff, who had a promising career in the amateurs until a serious motorcycle accident ended any future hopes. An older son, Jimmie, is a popular minister in north eastern Arkansas.

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## CHAMPIONSHIP BELTS

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challange. His protege, Tom Spring, a clever boxer, who defeated some good men, attracted serious attention when he beat Tom Oliver in 25 rounds near London on February 20, 1821.

When Cribb retired he awarded the championship belt to Spring, the first heavyweight champion to adopt a fighting name. His real name was Thomas Winter.

After two grueling 77 and 76-round victories over Nat Langham in 1824, Spring retired, but did not give up the belt. The first battle, on January 27, at Worcester, was witnessed by an estimated 30,000 people, including many distinguished notables of the time.

Jem Ward claimed the vacant title after destroying Tom Cannon in 10 minutes on July 10, 1825. The victory included a championship belt. Ward defended the crown twice, the second bout being a knockout victory over Simon Byrne in 33 rounds of brutal exchanges, on July 12, 1831. The year before, Byrne defeated Sandy McKay in 47 rounds with McKay so badly punished he died as the result of injuries.

Ward retired in 1832 and announced he would present a championship belt to the first man to prove worthy of it.

James "Deaf" Burke, a vicious slugger, claimed the title and was challenged by Byrne. They met on May 30, 1833, at St. Albans, near London, for $500 a side. Ward refused to offer a belt to the winner.

The battle, a brutal encounter, lasted three hours, 16 minutes, during which time 99 rounds were fought. Byrne was so badly beaten he died three days later.

While Burke was in America looking for action, Ben Caunt and Bold Bendigo (William Thompson) fought for the title on April 3, 1838. Caunt was on the verge of defeat, but was declared winner on a foul in the 75th round.

When Burke returned to England, Ward, after seven years trying to make up his mind as to who should wear the championship belt, decided upon the winner of a Burke-Bendigo match. Burke was favored in the fight that was held on February 12 for a stake of $600 to $500, but he couldn't cope with Bendigo and lost the battle in the 10th round on a foul.

After a speech by Ward, the large silver champion of England belt, adorned with engraved figures and battle scenes, was girded around Bendigo's waist. The "Bold One" considered the belt his personal property and never gave it up.

In 1855, through subscription that raised $500, a new championship belt was manufactured by Mr. R. Hancock, head of a London silver establishment on New Bond Street.

The belt, about four inches deep, bore the inscription "Champion of England" and was ornamented with the British lion and emblematic designs of the prize ring. Strict rules were set down, among them: the belt could not change hands except in a fight, no fight to be less that $1000 a side and any pugilist having held it against all comers for three years without defeat, should become absolute possessor.

With the belt up for grabs, the best bruisers in England challenged for it. Two men survived the competition—Bill Perry, "The Tipton Slasher," and the celebrated Tom Sayers.

On June 16, 1857, Sayers beat Perry in 11 rounds in one hour, 42 minutes and was formerly presented with the belt by Lord Drumlanrig, father of the Marquis of Queensberry.

Meanswhile, in America, John C. Heenan, a boxer with deadly punching power, fought John Morrissey for the American title at Long Point, Canada, and lost. Heenan suffered a broken hand early in the battle and had to quit in the 11th round. When Morrissey ignored demands for a return bout, Heenan claimed the title and challenged Sayers for the world title.

Sayers accepted, and the international contest took place on April 17, 1860, at Farnborough, England.

After two hours, six minutes, the bruising battle ended when the ropes were cut in the 37th round. But five more so-called rounds were fought with the ring half-filled with spectators. The referee, unable to control the fight, declared it a draw.

Both men claimed victory. When Heenan demanded the championship belt and Sayers refused to give it up, a bitter feud developed.

One British publication "Punch," proposed that Heenan accept half the belt and Sayers the other half. Frank Dowling, editor of Bell's Life, suggested both receive a belt, paid for by public subscription provided the true belt remained in the hands of the editor, to be fought for in a return match.

Heenan maintained he was told the belt would be presented to him if he defeated Sayers, but Sayers denied this.

After much discussion on both sides of the Atlantic, it was decided to present each man with a facsimile of the championship belt. The presentation between the rival champions took place on May 31, 1860, before a cheering audience in the Alhambra Palace at Leicester Square, London.

Sayer announced his retirement and died five years later. Heenan lost to Tom King at Kent, England, in 1863 in 24 rounds, lasting only 35 minutes. He retired and died ten years later.

When Sayers retired in 1860 he offered his belt for competition. Sam Hurst won it, knocking out Tom Paddock that year in five rounds.

On June 18, 1861, Jem Mace, the originator of the modern school of scientific boxing, defeated Hurst in eight rounds and was awarded the championship belt.

Tom King won the belt from Mace in a 43-round victory on November 26, 1862, and when King refused a return fight, the British acknowledged Mace as champion (last champion under London Prize Ring Rules) and awarded him the belt.

In a battle for the world title on May 10, 1870, at Kennerville, Louisiana, Mace knocked out the American champion, Tom Allen in 10 rounds. He retired in 1890 after losing to Charley Mitchell in three rounds. Twenty years later he passed away at the age of 79. Mace's championship belt was purchased by Nat Fleischer in 1930 for The Ring Museum.

After Mace, British boxing fell into a rut until 1909 when Lord Lonsdale offered championship belts to be fought for at fixed weights in each class. Competition was keen and many new boxers soon developed into championship calibre.

The tournament established the flyweight class at 108 pounds and from it emerged one of the world's greatest, Jimmy Wilde from Pontypridd, Wales.

Starting in 1911, Wilde went on to score 64 KOs, won 42 decisions and won the world title on Dec. 18, 1916, with an 11-round KO over Young Zulu Kid, the American champion, in London.

He defended the crown 23 times, losing only to two American bantamweights, Pal Moore and bantam champ Pete Herman who won on a 17-round KO on Jan. 13, 1921. Two years later, on June 18, Jimmy lost the title to Pancho Villa of the Philippines at New York's Polo grounds via a 7-round KO.

Three weeks later, Villa was presented with the second Ring belt by The Ring editor Nat Fleischer, who had started the new era of championship belts when he awarded the first Ring belt to Dempsey in 1921.

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## IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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Unbeaten Frankie Baltazar, 130, Los Angeles, floored Miguel Ruiz, 130½, Tijuana, two times before referee John Thomas awarded a one round KO win.

Other results: Jose Rodriguez, 135, Los Angeles, beat Genaro Gloria, 135, Mexico, (5); John Morgan, 165½, Los Angeles, decisioned Robert Villaneuva, 168, Mexico, (5).

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Moreno was out on his feet when referee Rudy Jordan halted the fight at 2:08 of the third. The victory gave young Sandoval his 13th KO.

The co-feature 10-rounder lasted just 59 seconds into the first. Hector Rivera, 130, Puerto Rico, blasted Eulogio Bojorquez, 138, Mexico, with a perfect left-right combination.

Other results: David Barrera, 119½, Los Angeles, decisioned Jose Luis Diaz, 120½, Mexico, (4); Antonio Adame, 149, East Los Angeles, KO'd James Bella, 145½, Los Angeles, (5).

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## RINGSIDE

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## SAMUEL SERRANO

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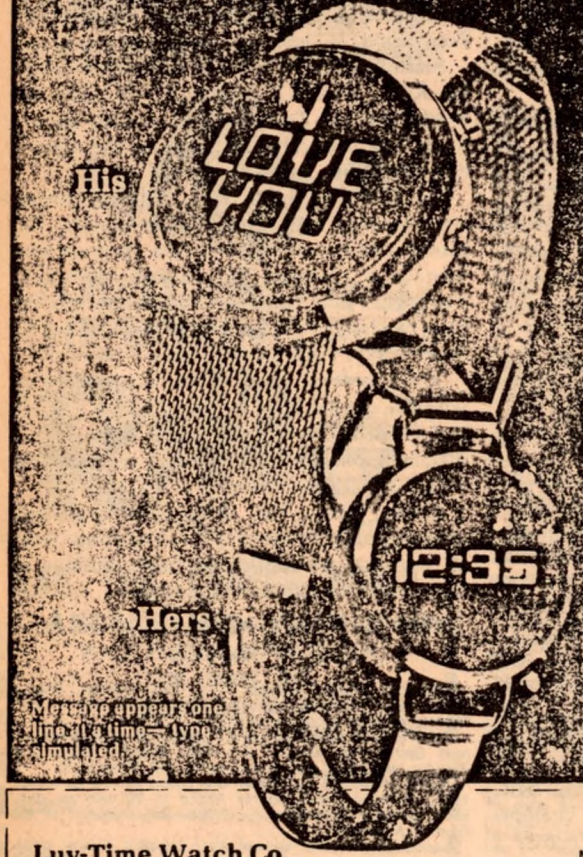


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## ROYAL KOBAYASHI SET FOR TITLE SHOT

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Just before the card, this reporter met Kobayashi, Taunsend and Takahashi to confirm their plans to fight the Puerto Rican champ, Wilfredo Gomez. The veteran Taunsend analyzed the future as follows:

"It will be impossible for Wilfredo Gomez to run away from Kobayashi. He's a willing puncher and Gomez is a straight come forward fighter, much different than Yum. It means that Kobayashi has more chances to land his power punch more easily than against the Korean footworker."

Kobayashi confidently and courageously said, "I want to fight Gomez because he is also a kayo puncher like me. The man who gets his dyanmite punch in earlier than the other, will be a winner. It should be an interesting encounter for Gomez and me as well."

Without Taunsend's coaching, the reporter wondered if Kobayashi could utilize his natural power against Gomez, for the Japanese puncher was truly a hard-hitter whose left hook had sunk every fighter that took it, but he had depended upon his punch exclusively, sometimes losing balance, combination punching and smooth coordination for an explosion of the coup-de-grace.

Watching the recent two kayos this year, Kobayashi seems to change his previous rough style without losing his usual power, and he increased the punching effect by gradually mastering a faster moving style. It might be of interest to review Kobayashi's entire career up to now. Such a string of knockouts in his record is impressive.

Kazuo Kobayashi was born in October, 1949, in Kumamoto Prefecture, southern Kyushue Island, where he grew up to be a Chinzei High School student who loved Karate and Kendo (Japanese sword fencing). After the graduation, the sportsman entered the Japan Self Defense and first displayed his kayo punch at the Athletic School there. The name of Kobayashi quickly became wide spread due to a series of knockout wins in amateur games.

Japanese fans expected the Olympic representative Kobayashi to win a medal in Munich in 1972, where he was unfortunately outlegged by a foreign rival in a quarter-final and failed to respond to the high expectations.

Professional managers began to contact the hard-punching hope and invited him into the new field. Takahashi was Kobayashi's choice because he was only 34 then, and was well-known as a clever Orient ex-champion. During his amateur contests, Kobayashi finished 28 men in 34 wins against three defeats that included a bitter battle in the Olympic games.

On February 15, in 1973, Kobayashi made a successful debut by dropping veteran Baron Kumazawa and copping a unanimous eight round decision at Korakuen Hall.

Despite his lopsided win, the press criticiszed the featherweight rookie's failure to finish the opponent within the distance.

But since his second pro outing, Kobayashi consecutively kayoed eleven JBC (Japan Boxing Commission) rivals with his powerful punches. In the first year, his victims were Hiromichi Sato in two, Hiroshi Miura in two, African Victor Dunu in seven, Katsutoshi Inuzuka in five, Chung Nam-Choul of Korea in five, and Nobuyoshi Sekino in two.

In 1974, Kobayashi continued a kayo streak by finishing Hiroshi Fuse in four, Korean Hong Sung-Jung in three, aging ex-top contender Jose Medel of Mexico in six, African Freddie Mason in seven and lefty Tatsu Harada in four rounds.

Only 11 days after his kayo of Tatsu in Osaka, Kobayashi faced the first world ranked Bert Nabalatan, a tall lefty Filipino who had campaigned chiefly in Hawaii. He outpowered the latter in a 10 round unanimous decision, but failed to stretch his kayo record in Tokyo.

Kobayashi, who sometimes seemed overconfident owing to his solid left hook, found his name at the end of the world rating, and willingly appeared at Korakuen Hall, Tokyo, as frequently as possible. He demolished Sanjo Takemori, another KO puncher, with an opening attack in the second round on December 30 that year.

Kobayashi's 1975 started with a sixth round kayo from Masanao Toyoshima, who had dropped Indian Danny Lopez before he collapsed finally in nine heats at the Los Angels games, and whose record of five straight kayos within one minute of the first session had been evaluated highly here.

The Nipponese version of Rocky Graziano flattened Jun Gallego, tough Filipino and top OBF (Orient Boxing Federation) contender, with an effective body bombardment in round nine on April 4. His next contest on May 9 was a sensational crowd-pleaser which resulted in his second round knockout from Zensuke Utagawa, ex-Orient featherweight champion, who had been stopped by Ruben Olivares in seven rounds of WBA eleminator in Los Angels ten month ago. The reporter witnessed Kobayashi's terrific left crashing Utagawa's jaw and icing him for the count. The stunning kayo forced the veteran loser to give up gloves for ever.

After halting another victim, Korea's Yuh Hwa-Wyong, in four rounds on June 16, Kobayashi went up to face the elongated featherweight champion Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua on October 12.

Some experts pointed out the fact that Kobayashi was still less experienced against international name opponents despite his fine 18-0 record (16 by kayo). Arguello, with more than 50 wins previously, was not such an easy target that Kobayashi could land his favorite left punch and finish it in early rounds. Arguello averted the puncher's wild hooks with forearms and elbows, and threw a beautiful combo followed by a left uppercut to the midsection.

Kobayashi downed on two occasions, praised and admitted Arguello's superiority in ring generalship before the huge 16,000 crowd at Kuramae Arena. Kobayashi, always confident, never seemed dejected and promised that he would come back strongly. Despite his first setback, he looked refreshed and spoke as if he had been a winner. The reporter had never seen such a dry flattened pancake.

On December 21 that year, he engaged in a comeback with former three-time national champ and younger brother of great Fighting Harada, Ushiwakamaru, whom he outpowered in later rounds to eke out a decision at Korakuen Hall.

In 1976, Kabayashi went abroad to Panama for the first time as a professional, and fought Eliseo Salcedo on February 15. Though the Nipponese dropped him twice, Eliseo continued out-maneuvering Kobayashi to take a 10 round decision. Kobayashi suffered a wide gash and the doctor said he would require two months for recovery.

Kobayashi partly angry against the decision, returned to Nippon. His recovery was cheerfully welcomed by the many spectators in Tokyo on July 10, when he technically kayoed Jaguar Sekino in the fifth canto of their rematch after being outlegged in earlier proceedings.

Then Kobayashi went to battle Rigoberto Riasco for the world title, but the reporter still thinks that Kobayashi should be a legitimate featherweight despite his short height in the class. His vaunted power wound be effective only with the proper diet with which he manages to make the weight up to the 122 pound limit. Without drinking since his recent marriage with Haruyo, Kobayashi can manage the weight more easily.

From the viewpoint of gameness, determination and willingness, aggressive puncher Kobayashi is sufficient. With the aid of Eddie Taunsend's diligent coaching in the sweet science, Kobayashi will face an important criterion whether he can beat the Puerto Rican knockador KO puncher Wilfredo Gomez.

Great expectations in Japan concentrate on Kobayashi's future.

## WORLD RATINGS

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moves from seven to fifth, beating Fabian Palma. Wilfredo Gomez retained his super bantamweight title, kayoing Raul Tirada, who drops from fourth to seventh. Gomez stays second.

W.B.C. junior flyweight king Luis Estaba move into the number two spot with a 15 round decision over Ricardo Estupinan. Japan's Yoko Gushiken falls one place, inactive over the last month.

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